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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

STEAM TO ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, PLYMOUTH, LONDON, BRINDISI, VENICE, TRIESTE, AND MARSEILLES.



PROGRAMME OF DEPARTURES.

Vessels.	Tons	H. P.	Captains.	FRIDAY 1885.
L. ANCONA	3128	600	R. G. Murray	18th ,,
NIZAM	2726	500	W. J. Webber	25th ,,
				1886
L RAVENNA	3372	700	F. H. Seymour	1st Jan.
M BOKHARA	2944	500	H. Weighell	8th ,,
L MALWA	2939	500	G. W. Atkinson	15th ,,
ASSAM	3038	500	S. F. Cole	22nd ,,
L MIRZAPORE	3887	600	E. Harvey	29th ,,
M VERONA	3116	600	M. de Horne	5th Feb.
L CATHAY	2983	500	J. P. Hassall	12th ,,
GWALIOR	2733	500	P. Harris	19th ,,
L GANGES	4198	800	E. Stewart	26th ,,
M AUSTRALIA	3951	600	E. Ashdown	5th Mar.
L NEPAUL	3536	600	T. J. Alderson	12th ,,
NIZAM	2726	500	W. J. Webber	19th ,,
THAMES	4101	800	W. A. Seaton	26th ,,

The steamers marked L proceed direct to London via Malta and those marked M via Marseilles. By the others passengers for London change vessels at Suez. All London steamers call at Plymouth.

A steam-barge will leave the Company's Dockyard, Mazagon, at 2 p. m., on the day of sailing to convey passengers on board.

STEAM TO COLOMBO, STRAITS, CHINA, JAPAN, AND AUSTRALIA.

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1885.
NEPAUL	3536	600	T. J. Alderton	25th Dec. 1886
THAMES	4101	800	W. A. Seaton	8th Jan.
PESHAWUR	3900	600	L. H. Moule	22nd ,,
CLYDE	4124	800	E. M. Edmond	5th Feb.

Return Tickets are now issued at greatly reduced rates to all ports, for particulars of which apply to

G. F. JOHNSON,
Acting Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Company.
Bombay, Dec. 4, 1885.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

BRINDISI ROUTE.

THROUGH TICKETS from BOMBAY to LONDON *viâ* Brindisi, including the Continental Railway Fare, are now issued on favorable terms; and return tickets available for three and six months. Tickets can also be obtained which allow passengers to travel 1st class by the steamer and 2nd class by rail from Brindisi to London.

MARSEILLES ROUTE.

STEAMERS leave BOMBAY for MARSEILLES and LONDON direct every four weeks (see general advertisement), and the voyage to the former part is accomplished in 19 days in fair weather (21 days during the Monsoon). The Railway journey from Marseilles to London occupies about 27 hours.

Fares to London, by the sea route or *viâ* Marseilles, including the Railway Fare across the Continent :—
First Class, Rs. 620. Second Class, Rs. 370.

Coupons for the Railway journey must be taken before leaving India.

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G. F. JOHNSON,
Acting Superintendent, P. and O. S. N. Co.
Bombay, Dec. 3, 1885.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA

SOCIETA RIUNITE FLORIO RUBATTINO.



THE Regular Mail-steamers leave BOMBAY on the 1st of each month at noon, calling at ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, GENOA, and MARSEILLES, starting from GENOA on the 25th of every month for BOMBAY.

FARE to all Ports of Italy Rs. 500, Rs. 340, Rs. 150, for First, Second, and Third Class, respectively, inclusive of Wine. Infants are allowed free. Children over three and under ten years, half fare. Families will be allowed liberal discount. To Marseilles Rs. 20, 10, and 5 extra, for First, Second, and Third Class, respectively.

Passengers' heavy Baggage will be delivered in LONDON, FREE OF CHARGE, to the extent allowed in the Handbooks.

A discount of 35, 20, and 10 per cent. is allowed Passengers returning within three, six, and twelve months, respectively, from the date of LANDING.

The following or other First Class Steamers will leave Bombay :—

	Tons.	H.P.	
RAFFAELE RUBATTINO	5,000	850	1st Jan. 1886
MANILLA	5,000	850	1st Feb. 1886

Steam Launch leaves Apollo Bunder between 10 and 11 a.m. on the day of Sailing, with Passengers and heavy Baggage.

Through Railway Tickets available for 17 days to London *viâ* Calais or Brighton, both from Genoa and Naples, are issued here.

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F. BOZZONI,
Agent.
Sassoon House, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, Nov. 3, 1885.

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REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS
BETWEEN BOMBAY, BRINDISI, AND TRIESTE, *VIA* CANAL.

Steamers.	Captains	Tons.	H. P.	To sail 1886
AMPHITRITE	C. Lazzarich	4,500	600	2nd Jan.
TITANIA	G. Mahoroich	4,100	600	2nd Feb.
MEDUSA	R. Deperis	3,500	550	2nd March

A Surgeon and Stewardess on board of every Steamer.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck
TRIESTE OR BRINDISI	Rs. 500	Rs. 300	Rs. 130

RETURN TICKETS are now issued available for SIX MONTHS at the following rates :—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.*
TRIESTE OR BRINDISI	Rs. 800	Rs. 480

*Above rates include Wines supplied at meals.

Steamers for BOMBAY leave TRIESTE on the 1st, and BRINDISI on the 3rd, of each month.

The Company's steam launch will be in attendance at the Apollo-bunder on the day of sailing to convey passengers and their luggage to the steamer, free of charge.

STEAM TO COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE AND HONGKONG.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	H.P.	To sail 1885.
MEDUSA	R. Deperis	3,500	550	29th Dec.

STEAM TO COLOMBO AND CALCUTTA.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	H.P.	To sail 1885.
VORWAERTS	P. Andrianich	2,800	500	13th Dec.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

For further particulars, freight, passage, &c., &c., apply to

O. VON HOFFER,
Acting Agent.
Sassoon House, 50, Church-gate-street, Bombay.
Dec. 4, 1885.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.



THE following sailings have been arranged :—

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.
CALLING AT MALTA.

	Capt.	Tons	H.P.	On or about 1885
S.S. WERNETH HALL	T. Collin	4,100	500	26th Dec.

Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

For further particulars apply to

EDWARD BATES & Co.,
Agents.
Bombay, 11th Nov., 1885.

CLAN LINE OF STEAMERS.



THE following sailings have been arranged :—

BOMBAY TO MARSEILES DIRECT.

Steamers.	Tons.	Comdrs.	About 1885
Clan BUCHANAN	2,950	Cobbott.	16th Dec.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

Steamers.	Tons.	Comdrs,	About 1886
Clan GRAHAM	2,950	C. Alexanderson	24th Dec. 1885
,, MACKENZIE	3,000	Wm. Elliott	3rd Jan.
,, MACLEAN	2,350	J. Schofield	13th Jan.
,, MURRAY	2,100	E. Warfolk	22nd Jan.
,, FORBES	2,450	J. A. Guard	29th Jan.

* These steamers do not carry passengers.

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S. S. "EUPHRATES," 803 tons, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11 a. m., calling at Veraval, Mangarole, Pore Bunder, and Cutch Mandvie, weather permitting.

FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF

S. S. "PACHUMBA," 867 tons, on MONDAY, 14th December, at 11 a.m. (unless delayed by non-arrival of outward English Mail), calling at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat Jask, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Fao, and Bussrah, in the foregoing or any order, weather permitting.

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. "CHINDWARA," 1,983 tons, on WEDNESDAY, 16th December, at 5 p. m. calling at such ports as may be arranged. Particulars can be ascertained on application to the undersigned.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
Bombay, 11th December, 1885. Agents.

PASSENGER SEASON, 1886.
ANCHOR LINE.



A first-class STEAMER of this Line will leave BOMBAY for LIVERPOOL and LIVERPOOL for BOMBAY, regularly once a fortnight.

Favourable terms for return passages.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.
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Bombay, 26th November, 1885.

FREIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.



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Applications for freight should be made to

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In 1 and 5 lb. packets.

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R. BOCQUET, C. I. E.,
Agent.
Agents Office, Lahore, Dec. 3, 1885.

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The best of Wines and Liquors only kept.
New fittings and furniture.
First-class Billiard Table.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL AUCTION SALE of MYROBALANS (Hirda nuts) will be held by the Divisional Forest Officer, Satara, at Mahableshwar, on the 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1886, commencing at noon.

Particulars can be learnt on application to the undersigned.

The Hirdas are on view at the Depôts and can be seen by applying to the Range Forest Officers.

G. K. BETHAM.
Divisional Forest Officer, Satara.
Camp Walay, Satara District, 3rd December, 1885.

CAUTION.

THE ATTENTION of the undersigned having been called to the sale of common Pestle and Mortar Mills under the misleading name of STEAM OIL MILLS,

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Superfine Cream Linear,

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Superfine Repped,

(One sheet of paper and Envelope weighs under ½ a tola) Cerulean, Lilac, Cal: Grey and Fawn tinted Albert size	per 5 quires	1 0
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10 0	6 0	ST. JULIEN MEDOC ... Light with good flavour.	10 0	6 0
10 0	6 0	BORDEAUX ... A favourite Wine from the District of Bordeaux.	10 0	6 0
13 0	7 8	PETIT MEDOC ... Possesses good body with pleasing flavour.	13 0	7 8
16 0	9 8	SUPERIOR MEDOC ... Full-bodied, of high character and flavour.	16 0	9 8
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26 0	14 8	CHATEAU LAROSE Extremely delicate, endowed with exquisite flavour and bouquet.	26 0	14 8
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE.

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Captain Clark will attend every morning to survey damages, &c.
EDWARD BATES & Co., Agents.
Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 11th December, 1885.

BANK OF BOMBAY.
NOTICE is hereby given that the BANK, the PUBLIC DEBT OFFICE, and the GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 24th, 25th, and 26th instant, on account of the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS; and on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 31st instant, and 1st and 2nd proximo, on account of the NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
W. FRASER,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 10th December, 1885.

BAPTY BROTHERS, Limited.
NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND of rupees twenty per share has been declared payable to those shareholders whose names shall appear on the register of the Company on the 15th instant.
The dividend will be payable on and from FRIDAY next, the 18th instant, on production of SHARE CERTIFICATES.
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Officers intending to visit the Fair are requested to give timely notice to the Honorary Secretary, who will provide tents for them. If necessary arrangements will be made for messing.
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Honorary Secretary, Sibi,
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NOTICE is hereby given that SHIVSHANKER VASSANTRAO, BHANUSHANKER NAMDEVJI, SATIA BHAMABAI, widow of VASSANTRAO NARAYAN, and PARWATIBAI, widow of NAMDEV NARAYAN, have contracted to SELL to LAXUMIBAI, wife of VISHWANATH RAGHUNATH DHARADHAR the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim against the same by way of inheritance, gift, mortgage or otherwise, are required to make the same known to Messrs. BALKRISHNA and BHAGWANDAS, Solicitors, High Court, at their office, No. 2, Church Gate-street, Fort, in writing within 14 days from this day, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim.
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All that piece or parcel of ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling, house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Girgaum in the oart called Dhasavdi in the Registration Sub-District of Bhuleshwar, containing by admeasurement 287 and 7-9 square yards or thereabouts, and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Pension and Tax No. 19, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under old No. 494 and new ward No. 4365, and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the east by the oart of Varjeewandas Madhavdas, on or towards the west by the house of Balkrishna Laxumonjee Godbole, on or towards the north partly by the property of Narbadabai and partly by a passage, and on or towards the South by the oart of Vassudev Wishwanathji.—Dated this 11th day of December, 1885.
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MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND FRIDAY,
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FIRST APPEARANCE IN INDIA OF
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The eminent Mimic, Humorist, Author and Composer, will present his celebrated Monologue Entertainment
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Mr. DU-VAL has recently concluded the most brilliantly successful season ever known in London, where for 431 consecutive nights his
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and a brilliant assemblage of guests.
The "COURT JOURNAL," says:—
"The Prince and Princess of Wales gave a party on Monday in honour of the birthday of the Princess Victoria of Wales. A large and distinguished party were present, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Royal Princesses, the Duke of Edinburgh Countess Spencer, Viscountess Folkestone, Lord Suffield, Marchioness of Aylesbury. Lieut. General Sir Dighton Probyn, and others. Mr. Charles Du-Val had the honour of entertaining the Royal Family and their guests with his brilliant mimetic entertainment."
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Bombay, 11th December, 1885.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of shareholders of the above Company will be held at its registered office, on SATURDAY, the 19th December, 1885, at 3 p. m. to pass the following special resolution.
That clause 102 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled, and the following substituted in lien thereof, viz:—
The person or persons who at present constitute or may hereafter constitute the firm of Anthony & Co. of Bombay shall be the Secretaries and Managers of the Company for the term of 15 years at a remuneration of Rs. 300 per mensem and a commission of 10 per cent. upon the nett profits made by the Company, and the Directors shall forthwith enter into an agreement to that effect on such terms and conditions as may be deemed advisable, and they shall also have power to increase the remuneration of the Secretaries and Managers whenever the capital or business of the Company be increased.
By order of the Board of Directors,
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Bombay, Fort, 11th December, 1885.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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MASON AND GRIERSON, Solicitors.
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NOTICE
IS hereby given that Mr. VENAYECKRAO RAMCHUNDRA LUXOOMONJEE is about to assign the undermentioned properties to trustees for the benefit of his family subject to certain charges. All persons having claims against the said properties by way of mortgage, sale, gift or otherwise, or against the said Venayeckrao Ramchundra Luxoomonjee for bills, bonds, accounts or otherwise, are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned Solicitors to the intended trustees within 14 days from the date hereof, so that the same may be provided for and paid before the execution of such Trust Deed—Dated this 11th day of December, 1885.
LITTLE, SMITH, FRERE & NICHOLSON,
Attorneys, High Court.
Schedule of Properties above referred to.
1. Village of Ankorlee in Salsette.
2. Village of Dindosee in Salsette.
3. Village of Chinchowli in Salsette.
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5. Khar at Gorebunder in Salsette.
6. Khar at Meera in Salsette.
7. Garden ground and quarry ground at Sewree in Bombay.
8. Dwelling-house situate at Breach Candy Road, Bombay.
9. Chawl or house adjacent to the dwelling house, situate at Breach Candy Road, Bombay.
10. Piece of vacant Land at Poona.

SALES BY AUCTION.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & COMPANY,
41, MEADOW-STREET, BOMBAY.
WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.
THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 12th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co. will hold their usual auction sale at their room as follows:—
The property of an European gentleman consisting of blocked open carved french-polished conversation couches, chairs, iron bedsteads, Sheffield best electro silver plated ware, such as handsome cruet, pickle and egg frames, biscuit boxes, toast racks, ice pail, cake baskets, waiters, napkin rings, corks, knife racks, fish knife and fork, &c., also a set of ivory handle best cutlery from Joseph Rodgers and Sons, a set of plain patterns spoons, and forks.
10 cases Lazer Beer.
10 " Brandy.
10 " Angoostoora Bitters,
2 cases Flannel.
On account of Abdoolkurim Mahomedaly—8 cases hollow gilt melon beads.
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Bombay, 12th December, 1885.

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THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 12th Insstant, at 2 p. m., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at No. 8, (top floor) Grant Buildings, Colaba, the property of the late WILLIAM JOHN GEORGE, Esq.; the same comprising spring-seated sofas and chairs, round, pier, toilet, dining and lady's, writing tables, teapoys, bookstand, hatstand, hatstand lamps, easy, arm and folding chairs, chiffonier, whatnots pictures, clocks, hadsome vases, Brussels ball carpet, marble topped circular table, single and double cots with bedding, almirah with mirror, wardrobes, cheval glass, zinc bath tub, meat safe, sideboard, screen, books, &c.
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A pair of well-matched young and sound Arab horses, have been going regularly in harness, landed last year, over 14 in height.
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Bombay, 12th December, 1885.

NOTICES.

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BHIWANDI JATRA NEAR KALYAN.
NOTICE is hereby given that Return First, Second, and Third Class Tickets to Kalyan issued at the Bombay or Musjid or Byculla Stations on FRIDAY next, the Eleventh instant, and intermediate days will be available for return on any day up to and including WEDNESDAY next, the sixteenth instant.
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JOSEPH VINCENT, a Pensioner of the Bombay Light Cavalry, and late of Ahmedabad.
EDWARD WHITEHEAD LOCKYER MORANT, late Assistant Superintendent, Poona and Nasik Revenue Survey.
Captain FRANCIS RALEIGH JARDINE, late Pension Paymaster, Invalid Establishment, Poona.
Quartermaster Sergeant F. O'CONNOR, of the Unattached List, and late of Mount Abu Sanitarium.
AKBAR or JAFAR ALI, late of Bombay, Mahomedan Inhabitant.
CHARLES HERBERT BRACKENBURY, late Lieutenant in Her Majesty's 5th Bo. Light Infantry.
All persons having claims against, being indebted to, or holding property belonging to the abovenamed Estates are hereby required to state their claims, pay their debts, and hand over such property to the undersigned forthwith. All claims must be sent to the undersigned at his office within one month from the date of this advertisement. At the expiration of the said period the assets of the Estates will be distributed, and claims received after that period will not be recognised.
L. RIVETT CARNAC,
Administrator General.
Admr. Genl.'s Office, High Court, Bombay, 19th Nov. 1885.

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FOR SALE at Bennett's Auction THIS DAY, (Saturday) at 1 p.m., a Bay Australian Mare, Harness and Victoria, together or separately, the property of Surgeon D. C. DAVIDSON.

O PAPA, let us go to-day to the Vienna Confectionery there is great variety of Ice Cream ready, Jordan Almonds, Vanilla, Pine, Apple and Rose, to be had only 25, Church-gate-street, Fort.

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Full Moon .... „ 22nd, 1h. 49.9m. a.m.
Last Quarter........... „ 28th, 5h. 13·1m. p.m.

Days.	Engagements, &c.	Sun Rise.	Sun Sets.	High Water.	Low Water.
Sat. 12	Departure of Lord Reay for Poona. Dinner by Elphinstonians, Hon. Dadabhoy Nowrojee presiding.	6 26	5 22	2 31m / 2 26 a	8 29m / 7 59 a
Sun. 13	3rd Sunday in Advent	6 26	5 23	3 3m / 3 6 a	9 11m / 8 40 a
Mon. 14	Election of Chairman, Chamber of Commerce.	6 27	5 23	3 40m / 4 3 a	10 3m / 9 33 a
Tu. 15	English mail expected per s.s. Bokhara.*	6 27	5 23	4 24m / 5 21 a	11 9m / 10 54 a
Wed. 16	Double Execution, County Jail, 7-15 a.m. Town Council, 3 p.m. Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Meeting, 4 p.m. Election of Deputy Chairman, Chamber of Commerce. Grand Evening Concert, Town Hall. Forest Commission, Callian.	6 28	5 24	5 19m / 6 42 a	— / 0 13 a
Thr. 17	Bombay-Burmah Trading Corporation, Meeting, 3 p.m.	6 28	5 24	6 20m / 8 0 a	0 15m / 1 12 a
Fri. 18	Departure of English mail per s.s. Ancona 5 p.m.	6 29	5 25	7 30m / 9 0 a	1 35m / 2 6 a

* Left Aden at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, 9th instant.

DIVINE SERVICES.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 13.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.
7-30 a.m.—Holy Communion, Choral.
8 a.m.—Matins. Hymns 45, 352 and 109.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bombay. Hymns 5 and 49.
Magnificat et Nunc Dimittis—Parisian.
Anthem.—"Plead Thou my cause."—Mozart.
Thursday, December 17.
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6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 53, 354, and 50.
The offertories for Church expenses and poor relief.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, and Sermon. Hymns 55 & 344.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 148, 59 and 302.
Wednesday, December 16.
6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.
11 a.m.—Morning Service, Celebration of Holy Communion and Sermon. Hymns 319 and 169.
6 p.m.—Evening Service and Sermon. Hymns 266, 277, and 216.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.
6-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral) and Sermon.
10 a.m.—Matins and Bible Class.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Alms for the poor.
Monday, December 14.
6 p.m.—The Bishop of Bombay will hold a confirmation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KAMATIPURA.
4-45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 50, 51 and 240.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.
7-20 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
4-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
9 a.m.—Mechanics' Institution, B. B. & C. I. Ry., Parel.
6 p.m.—St. Andrew's Church, Fort.

ST. NICHOLAS'S (SEAMENS') CHURCH, PRINCE'S DOCK.
10 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
SERVICE will be held on board the s. s. Clan Buchanan, in the Prince's Dock, on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Captains, officers, seamen, and others are cordially invited. The Bethel flag will be hoisted.

HARBOUR SERVICE.
SERVICE will be held in the Harbour on board the ship County of Edinburgh at 11 o'clock in the morning. Captains, officers, seamen, and others are cordially invited to attend. The Bethel flag will be hoisted. For friends purposing to attend the Service a launch will leave Arthur Bunder at 10-25 and Apollo Bunder at 10-35 a.m., precisely. All are cordially invited.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Gaiety Theatre, 9 p.m.
Volunteer Parade, Town Hall, 4-45 p.m.
Band, B. B. & C. I. R. V., Mechanics Institute, Parel, 4-30 p.m.
Social gathering of ex-Elphinstonians, Elphinstone High School Building.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 10th:—Werneth Hall (s), from Liverpool; and Elphinstone (s), New Castle. Yesterday:—Arabia (s), Busreh.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed yesterday:—Parramatta (s), for London; Empire (s), Port Said; Burmah (s), Kurrachee; East Anglia (s), Dunkirk; and Peveril (s), Havre.

MUSIC AT THE PAREL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The following programme of music will be played by the band of the B. B. and C. I. R. Volunteer Corps at the Parel Mechanics' Institute, this evening at 4-30 p.m.:—

March ....Quick Step..................Roch.
Quadrille ....Chain de Fleurs ....Faust.
Selection ....Madame l'Archiduc ...Offenbach.
Valse ....Fleurs du Printemps ..Bosquet.
Polka ....Amorspfeil ....Knooloch.
Galop ....Acrobaten ....Zickoff.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The s.s. Metapedia and Werneth Hall entered, and the s.s. Recta and East Anglia left, the dock yesterday.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.—The Bishop of Bombay will preach in the Cathedral to-morrow evening.

VOLUNTEER BALL.—The annual B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteer Ball will be held on New Year's eve, at the Mechanics' Institute, Parel.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.—The increase in goods traffic for the week ending the 28th ult. was 6,071 maunds.

LOST PROPERTY.—Kisrichund Oojamchund, residing at Shaik Memon-street, has reported to the police that he dropped three diamonds, valued at Rs. 150, somewhere about the Fort, on Thursday.

A LUNATIC AT LARGE.—Gunnoo Gowda, a private of the 28th Regiment N. I., and a man of unsound mind, absconded on Thursday morning from the Marine Lines Hospital. He was dressed in the hospital clothing.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.—Oosman Shaik Sulliman, described as a cook, was yesterday convicted by Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee of being in a state of intoxication, and damaging the window glass of a brake van on the B. B. & C. I. Railway on Thursday. He was fined Rs. 5, and Rs. 2 was ordered to be paid to the railway company as damages.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—Bhailal Kissare, a noted character, was yesterday convicted by Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee of having in his possession a copper and a brass vessel belonging to Baijee Baleeba, a dealer in sugar-candy, having his shop at Falkland-road. The property was stolen from the complainant on the 20th November last. The prisoner admitted two previous convictions, and was sentenced to three months rigorous imprisonment.

ST. STANISLAUS' INSTITUTION, BANDORA.—The annual entertainment, followed by the distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of this institution, was held on Thursday, in the spacious hall on the upper floor. Every effort had been made by means of bunting to give the hall a *gala* appearance for the occasion. A very large number of people was present, and the proceedings throughout were watched with a great deal of interest. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental selections. The proceedings commenced punctually at 5-30, the school choir, under the able direction of Mr. John de Souza, singing "The Hardy Norseman," a song well adapted for the occasion. The "Elfs" (Waltz) was next rendered by Messrs. D. Gonsalves and A. de Souza (on the violin), and Messrs. L. A. Valladares and J. de Souza (on the piano.) Then followed several songs and recitations by the youngsters of the institution. The services of Messrs. D. Gonsalves and L. A. Valladares were again brought into requisition, and they treated the audience to an overture, "Romeo and Juliet," the former gentleman playing on the violin, and the latter on the piano. Blind Peter greatly amused the audience by his solo on the cornet. Later on Mr. De Souza, with the aid of his choristers, contributed a very humorous song. The entertainment came to an end at 7 o'clock. The teachers and the pupils of the school may be congratulated upon the success of their efforts.

BREACH OF THE SALT ACT.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Cooper, Hurry Mudda, tindal of a boat under 300 tons burthen, was charged by Mr. George Ainsworth, Superintendent of Customs, with transporting salt by sea in contravention of section 2 of Act XVI. of 1879. Mr. Little, solicitor to Government, prosecuted; and Mr. Crawford defended the accused. Mr. Crawford said his client pleaded guilty to the charge, but had committed the offence in ignorance of the law. He had never been in Bombay before, but had traded between the ports of Bunder Abbas and Verawal. He was not a subject of the British Government. The accused had on his last voyage from Bunder Abbas to Verawal taken a large cargo of salt and fruits. At the latter port he found that he could not land all his cargo, and accordingly he had brought the salt on to Bombay. There were only four tons of salt, and the accused had not brought it on to Bombay intending to infringe the law. The case called for only a nominal penalty. The matter was so trivial that the Collector himself used to dispose of similar cases. Mr. Little observed that the accused was not quite so ignorant of the law as he endeavoured to make out, and this was not his first visit to Bombay. When he was questioned, he stated to the superintendent that the salt was the unsold portion of the cargo he took from Bunder Abbas to Verawal. On finding, when he got to the latter port, that he could not dispose of all his cargo, he had asked the owners of the boat whether there would be any trouble if he were to take the salt into Bombay. It was therefore evident that he knew something of the law, which restricted the transport of salt to certain vessels of prescribed burthen. His worship fined the accused Rs. 5, which sum he thought would satisfy the ends of justice. The accused may have been ignorant of the law, and he did not appear to have been to Bombay before. Option was given to the Customs authorities to confiscate the salt.

THE KIRKEE MURDER CASE.—The hearing of the evidence in this case terminated at Poona on Thursday, when the judge summed up. He said that he was exceedingly sorry for the prisoner at the bar, who was an intelligent and fairly-educated man, and who bore a good character in his corps ever since he had joined it. The judge said that to discharge his rifle in a crowded bazaar at 9 o'clock, on a dark night, was nothing but murder; that there was no reason to suppose that the prisoner was deprived of the power of self-control, as there had been neither sudden nor grave provocation occasioned to influence his mind to commit the offence; that he had deliberately brought, loaded, and fired his gun, and, after firing it, had had the presence of mind to abscond. The bullet intended for Papa might not have killed Linguma, but it was the second, perhaps, which had done so. It could not also be said, as had been argued by the pleader for the defence, that the miserable and abject peon, Papa, who it was alleged had been carrying on an intrigue with the wife of the prisoner, had killed the woman Linguma, and managed to cast all responsibility for the crime on the accused, in order to get rid of him, and thus have his (prisoner's) wife as his own. The theory that Papa had committed the crime was not reasonable. The probable result of firing in a bazaar at random was nothing but murder, and it was absurd to think that the prisoner did not intend to kill any one. The fact that the prisoner aimed at Papa showed his murderous intention. The prisoner may have been drunk that afternoon and that night, but it was ridiculous to suppose that he did not know what he was doing. The jury then retired, and brought in a unanimous verdict of guilty against the prisoner under the second head of the charge, namely, culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The judge, accepting their verdict, sentenced the prisoner to a term of seven years. In awarding the sentence, the learned judge informed the prisoner that the jury had taken a very merciful view of his case.—*Deccan Herald.*

DEATH OF MR. J. F. SPENCER.

YESTERDAY morning, at the opening of the Small Causes Court, Mr. J. Warden, the Third Judge, said that out of respect for the memory of Mr. J. F. Spencer, chief clerk of the court, who died on Thursday evening, the court would be closed for the day. The deceased attended to his duties up to Saturday last, and on Monday symptoms of congestion of the liver showed themselves, followed by malarious fever and bronchitis. The following is a record of Mr. Spencer's official career:—He joined the service as an assistant in the Military and Marine Departments of the Secretariat, Bombay, on the 15th May, 1846; acting Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Secretariat, Bombay, 15th December, 1862; confirmed as Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Secretariat, Bombay, 14th March, 1863; acting Clerk of the Bombay Court of Small Causes, 1st November, 1864; reverted to his substantive appointment of Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Secretariat, Bombay, 1st November, 1865; acting Clerk of the Court of Small Causes, Bombay, from 7th July, 1866, to 8th July, 1868; reverted to his substantive appointment in the Public Works Department, Secretariat, Bombay 9th July, 1868; Clerk of the Bombay Court of Small Causes, 1st May, 1873; on privilege leave from 1st July to 30th September, 1880, and from 3rd to 25th January, 1884; returned on 26th January, 1884, and was in charge of that appointment up to the date of his death.

MR. CHARLES DU-VAL IN BOMBAY.

ON Monday evening next Mr. Du-Val will make his first appearance in the Gaiety Theatre in the monologue entertainment he has been for some years identified with. On Tuesday evening a second performance will be given of what Mr. Du-Val calls "the royal programme" as presented by him at the request of T. R. H. the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House. On Friday next a special programme will be given, as the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News* says—"It is not often one meets with a gentleman who manages to roll into one the various capacities and accomplishments of entertainer, author, and 'fighting correspondent,' but Mr Du-Val, whose monologue of 'Odds and Ends' was recently successfully presented and drew all London to St. James's Hall, can not only lay claim to having fulfilled all these parts, but to have done so with credit and honourable distinction to himself. He has travelled half the world over and amused audiences under the sunny skies of antipodean countries. He has lived a life of remarkable freak and adventure, and has given to the world a two-volume book of travels entitled, 'With a Show through Southern Africa,' in which stern facts and truths are mingled with the genialities of 'The Showman.' Mr. Du-Val enjoyed the privilege of sharing with the garrison and inhabitants of Pretoria, a four months' beleaguerment during the Transvaal war, and very curious must have been his experiences when he found his entertainment shelved and himself a unit amongst those banded together, rifle in hand, for the defence of the seat of government. While hostilities were going on, Mr. Du-Val served as an attaché to the staff of Lieut.-Colonel Gildes, A. D. C., Commandant at Pretoria, and received on several occasions special mention in the official reports of that officer on the various engagements which took place around the beleagured town, having his horse twice wounded and enjoying himself some hairbreadth escapes from the straight shooting of the Boer marksmen. A newspaper entitled *The News of the Camp*, published in the military lines, and printed under canvass three times a week, was started, and Mr. Du-Val combined with his duties as orderly officer the labours and responsibilities of an editor. The files of his camp news have been styled by an eminent authority the London *Times*, as a 'veritable journalistic curiosity.'" A London correspondent makes the following remarks in reference to Mr. Du-Val's many-sided capacity:—"Since the time that Charles Matthews, the elder, gave his celebrated 'at home,' few monologue entertainers have had such extraordinary success as Mr. Charles Du-Val. The secret of this undoubtedly lies in the fact that he is no mere mimic, but a man of really artistic tastes and literary culture." Mr. Du-Val was born in Manchester, being the only son of the late John E. Du-Val, M.A., Professor of Greek and Modern Languages, of that City, and nephew of the Artist, Charles Allen Du-Val. Mr. Du-Val will be accompanied on the tour by Mr. Arthur Fry, a remarkable ventriloquist, who has been associated for some years with his public appearances, and who shared his vicissitudes and experiences during the South African tour, and saw service in the Transvaal during the period of the war with the Boers." Mr. Du-Val will leave Bombay for Calcutta on Monday next, having secured the Theatre Royal there for the Christmas season.

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HIGH COURT.—December, 11.

(Before the CHIEF JUSTICE and Mr. Justice BAYLEY.)

DISPUTE REGARDING A MOSQUE.

MAHOMED ISMAIL BIN CUMROODIN SAHIB NEKWARAY AND ANOTHER *vs.* SHARFOODIN BIN KHALIL MAHOMEDKHAN.—This was an appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Pinhey given in favour of the defendant. Mr. Lang and Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Hore, Conroy, and Brown, appeared for the plaintiffs and appellants; and Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Budroodin, instructed by Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, and Sayani, for the defendant and respondent.

The plaintiffs claimed a full discovery of the properties of the mosque situated in Chatri Sarang-street which had come into the possession of the defendant, and to account for and hand them over to the plaintiffs, and for a declaration that the defendant was not entitled to retain possession of such properties, and for a perpetual injunction against his interfering with the proper carrying on of the worship at the mosque; for an interim injunction and the appointment of a receiver, etc. Mr. Justice Pinhey held that the defendant was entitled, under a certain deed, to possession of the mosque; and accordingly passed a decree in his favour, with costs. The appellant submitted that the lower court erred in holding that the mosque had not been built by the jamat or community of the street, and that the defendant was entitled to the manager-ship by virtue of a document dated 18th March, 1859, purporting to be executed by one Hafiz Abdul Cadur Chandlay.

The Chief Justice, in giving judgment on the appeal, said that neither party had proved his title to the possession of the mosque. The defendant's conduct was not shown to be improper; and the latter must be allowed to continue in the management of the mosque, with two other persons, one of whom was to be appointed by the community, and the other by Mr. Justice Bayley. Each party was to pay its own costs of the appeal.

(Before the CHIEF JUSTICE and Mr. Justice BAYLEY.)

THE MALLEGAUM RIOT CASES.

MR. BRANSON, instructed by Messrs. Little, Smith, Frere, and Nicholson, appeared for Keekabhoy Hubiboolah and six other prisoners; Mr. Budroodin appeared for fifteen other prisoners; while Mr. Pandurang, acting Government Pleader, appeared for the Crown.

Mr. Branson said the prisoners were now under trial before Mr. Nerha Dajee, magistrate, at Mallegaum; and the learned counsel applied that the trial of the cases be transferred to another magistrate.

Mr. Pandurang opposed the application, as he had not received sufficient notice.

Mr. Branson said notice was not necessary, adding that there was a strong race feeling between the Hindoos and Mahomedans at Mallegaum, which rendered it absolutely impossible for the prisoners to get a fair trial at the hands of the Hindoo magistrate, who had been brought from a place twenty miles distant.

Chief Justice.—Whom do you want the cases transferred to?

Mr. Budroodin said it was proposed to transfer them to Colonel Bythell, Cantonment Magistrate.

Mr. Pandurung asked for a week's adjournment.

Mr. Branson said all he asked for was a rule *nisi*, with interim stay of proceedings.

Mr. Pandurung said he must consult with the magistrate, because at present he was not in a position to argue.

Mr. Branson said the cases had been under trial since the 19th October last, and were now at different stages.

Chief Justice.—After waiting for two months, you come now and want the cases taken out of the magistrate's hands, which would necessitate the whole thing being gone through *de novo*.

Mr. Branson said he would read the petition, which would enable their lordships to judge how the matter stood. The magistrate himself was not free from bias; and as an instance, the learned counsel mentioned that warrants had actually been issued against the accused, instead of summonses, in the first instance.

Chief Justice.—I suppose the police had something to do with it.

Mr. Branson said the police were all Hindoos, and so was the magistrate. The accused were all in jail.

The Chief Justice said he wanted to rise, as it was 4 p.m.; and further consideration of the application was adjourned.

APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before Mr. Justice BIRDWOOD and Mr. Justice JARDINE.)

REVERSAL OF CONVICTION AND SENTENCE.

THE EMPRESS *vs.* JEHRA LEHRA AND BAWA PUNJA.—At a Court of Criminal Sessions held at Kaira before Mr. C. E. G. Crawford, Joint Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad, the accused were charged with the murder of Gambhir Baji at Andhari Amli on the 23rd March last, with culpable homicide not amounting to murder, &c. The first accused was found guilty of voluntarily causing grievous hurt with an instrument for stabbing and cutting, and the second accused of voluntarily causing hurt. The first was sentenced to be transported for life, and the second accused to be rigorously imprisoned for three months. The first prisoner appealed from the above sentence. Mr. Gunput S. Rao appeared for the accused; and Mr. Pandurang, acting Government Pleader, for the Crown.

It appears that the two accused were, in the first instance, charged before Mr. Peroze Hoshung Dustoor, first-class magistrate, Kaira, with voluntarily causing grievous hurt and causing hurt, respectively; but the magistrate found the evidence for the prosecution very unsatisfactory and unreliable, and ordered the discharge of both the accused. The Sessions Court, having revised the proceedings, directed the magistrate to commit both the accused on the more serious charges. The magistrate accordingly did so. The facts of the case for the prosecution were these: The first accused, in furtherance of a common intention of both of them, stabbed the deceased in the back with the point of a sword and thereby caused his death. On the 23rd March last the second accused came up from behind, pulled off the deceased's father's turban, and ran away with it. The deceased's father, who had a boil on his foot, could not run after him. He, however, went along as fast as he could, calling out; and as he neared his own house, the deceased, on hearing his father's shouts, came out and threw his arms round the second accused. The latter's relations come to his assistance, and having freed himself, the second accused struck the deceased with a stick, hitting him on the arm and chest. The latter blow felled him; and the first accused, coming up with a sword, ran it into the deceased's back as he lay on the ground. His brothers carried him into the house, and information was given to the police. The sword was found in a field, covered with dry blood from hilt to point. Deceased was taken to the dispensary at Nadiad, but died in a few days of exhaustion caused by bronchitis combined with bed sores. The Sessions Judge found the first accused not guilty of the serious offences, but guilty of voluntarily causing grievous hurt, and sentenced him to transportation for life. The second accused was found guilty of voluntarily causing hurt, and was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for three months.

Their lordships, on a consideration of the evidence and the arguments of the advocates, were of opinion that the evidence for the prosecution was unsatisfactory, and therefore reversed the conviction and sentences.

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PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.

NEW colours were presented on Friday last to the 2nd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment by Her Excellency the Countess of Dufferin. The following account of the ceremony is given by the *Lucknow Express*:—

Far away in front stood the long line of troops, even still presenting a goodly appearance though half the garrison is away on service or marching to the great rendezvous at Delhi. The gunners were on the right, then came the 17th Lancers looking as fit as possible, then the Volunteers, then the Leicestershire Regiment, and the 12th "Khelat-i-Ghilzais" on the extreme left.

The running up of the ensign to the masthead is at once followed by the booming sound of the first of the thirty-one guns which announce His Excellency's arrival. All eyes are turned towards the road, and presently the carriage horsed by a team of artillery horses with drivers *en postillon*, come in sight. The mounted company of the Oudh Volunteer Rifles have the honour of forming the travelling escort, and very well the men look in the neat khaki uniform with brown belts, as with carbine on thigh, they swing smartly round and take up position in rear of the enclosure reserved for the Viceregal carriages.

Major-General Dillon, attended by his staff, immediately waits upon His Excellency. After the line of troops has presented arms and the united bands pealed forth the strains of "God save the Queen," without further delay the ceremony of the afternoon is commenced.

The line of troops form three sides of a hollow square, the Leicestershire Regiment facing the Viceregal position, the remainder of the troops simply wheeling inwards. When this is over, the Viceregal party and a large proportion of the spectators proceed across the parade ground and are at once deeply interested in the imposing and affecting ceremony of the trooping of the tattered old colours to which the regiment thus bids farewell. First in quick time, then in slow time, the colours are taken up and down the ranks receiving the honour of a "present arms" from the troops.

As the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" cease, the old colours are taken to the rear and encased. In the centre of the square an altar is formed of the regimental drums. Against these the new colours are laid, and the Chaplain, Mr. Stone, proceeds with the appropriate religious service, which was choral in character, the Leicestershire band furnishing a most satisfactory accompaniment.

Colonel McPherson, Commanding the Battalion, was introduced to Her Excellency, who advanced to the military altar and receiving the Queen's colour from Major Richards presented it to Lieutenant J. Mosse who received it kneeling. Similarly Her Excellency received the regimental colour from Major Middlemass and presented it to Lieutenant C. Hunt.

Her Excellency then addressed the regiment as follows:—

"Colonel McPherson, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 2nd Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment,—On this sport already rendered famous by the heroic deeds of British soldiers, I confide these colours to your keeping, in the full assurance that you will guard them bravely and faithfully as the symbols of our Sovereign's honour, your country's freedom, and the homes and hearths of England."

The ceremony of the presentation of colours being over, the spectators took up their old positions to the right and left of the saluting point, while the brigade formed up for the march-past, without which no military function is complete.

INDIAN SPORTING NOTES.

THE increased price for Australian remounts has given an impetus to the horse trade at the Cape Colony, for Mr. H. B. Christian and other dealers round about Port Elizabeth are venturing on a shipment of 100 horses for the Indian market as a trial. There is no doubt that the class of horse required as remounts can be found at the Cape—in fact the Indian Government at one time used to import them and had a remount depôt there, but competition by Australia ousted the Cape horse. Since then, owing to indiscriminate breeding, a want of care in the selection of suitable sires and dams, careless rearing, and want of protection of the young stock during the inclement season, the Cape horse has deteriorated in quality and size, and now compact, strong, well-bred horses, about 15 hands high, are very rare and scarcely obtainable, the average horse not having the weight-carrying power required, at any rate, by British Cavalry and Artillery, while Native Cavalry can obtain all their requirements in India at half the price that would repay the Cape dealer, whom we strongly recommend to relinquish a venture which can only be attended with vexation of spirit and loss. There is no doubt that the hunting grounds of the Remount Department lie within the borders of India, and this the Government will soon discover when once it can be persuaded to give sufficient encouragement to horse-breeding in India.

The postponement of the Bombay meeting to March 6th and subsequent dates will at any rate be very convenient for those trainers and jockeys who may happen to be going home to Australia with orders for the purchase of race-horses, or merely to see their old folk again. We cannot imagine anything pleasanter than a career which demands congenial work during six of the coolest months in India, and admits of home for the *holidays during the other six.*

The prospectus of the Bangalore meeting of 1886—now renamed the Great Southern India Race Meeting, truly a sonorous title—has been published in a clear, concise form and turfites cannot complain of any delay on the part of the management. At the first glance the added money strikes us as liberal, the plum of the meeting being the *Great Southern India Challenge Cup*, value Rs. 4,000, 1½ miles, a handicap for all horses. But a closer study of the prospectus shows that a great deal of the gilt may be taken off the gingerbread. Rule 3 concludes with the announcement that all entrances go to the Fund, and Rule 4 provides that no public money, cup, or purse will be given unless five horses in separate interests start, and no public money is given for a walk-over. Before going into the possible bearing which these rules may have on the results of the racing so far as owners are concerned, we would point out the minor defects of the prospectus.

The Bheema Cup will be run for (after pig) as usual during Christmas week, commencing on the 24th instant. The rendezvous, which is of course in the Poona Hunt country, will be shortly notified by the honorary secretary, Dr. Gaye, and it is to be hoped that the meeting will open the purse-strings of Bombay sportsmen, as the subscriptions to the Hunt amount to about half the usual sum. Sport, however, on the Bombay side, appears to be going from bad to worse, for the Bombay M. F. H. also complains of subscriptions being not quite up to the mark. We are no *laudatores temporis acti*, but still if our lines had been cast in the Bombay Presidency, we should have preferred to have lived our sporting life thirty years ago.

One race meeting—Poona—which, above all others, requires a master-hand to guide it, is without a secretary, for Mr. Macpherson has met with the meed of professional ability in promotion. We do not, however, grumble at this. But unfortunately for Poona, the promotion necessitates his transfer to Sind. Colonel Burnett's services are no longer available to the Turf, for soldiering now takes up all his time, so the principal meeting of the Bombay Presidency is in a bad way, and no one appears eager to take up the reins of management. Under the circumstances our best advice to the Poona stewards is to apply to Mr. Fitch, the working secretary of the Calcutta meeting, whose services could, no doubt, be secured during August and September—the critical time—and we daresay he will not be averse to exchanging the murky mists of a Mussoorie monsoon for the pellucid perfection of a Poona autumn. Anyhow the stewards could not do better.

Although disappointed in the inability of the Ceylon cricketing team to pay them another visit this season, the Calcutta Club will find foemen worthy of their willow in the Bombay eleven,—Pottinger, Lord, Alban, Talbot, Gaddum, Hills, Prevost, Macbeth, Wilkins, and Holland. This is not quite the A-onest lot that the city of ducks can produce, but it is very near it, and will give the Calcutta men plenty of amusement.

Veterinary science has made enormous strides within the last 10 years, by no means the least of which is the use of anæsthetics, which are certainly as great a boon to the veterinary surgeon as to the carver of the "human form divine." Hydrochlorate of cocaine is the newest discovery in this line, and has lately been used with the utmost success by Veterinary Surgeon Wills in the Madras Presidency.

We are glad to see the stewards of the Calcutta meeting have determined that prevention is better than cure in the matter of possible accidents to horses and riders from the presence of dogs on and around the race-course. Even Solomon knew there is a time and a place for all things, so surely all Calcutta dog-owners should be cognisant of the fact. If after this compliment, they neglect the prohibition of the stewards, they will certainly deserve the "extreme measure" threatened, and we shall as certainly cry, with down-turned thumbs, "habet" to every offending dog and owner.

The Native Cavalry Polo Tournament will be held at Umballa on the 15th March and following days. Entries close to Major George Richardson, 18th B. C., on March 1st.—*Planters' Gazette.*

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY.

BOMBAY, December 10.

Means of observations at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	29·842
Temperature of the Air	79·2
Web Blub Thermometer	73·6
Dew Point	71·
Relative humidity of Air	·77
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=8).	1·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m.)	84·2
Minimum do. do (read at 10 a.m.)	74·6
General Directions of Wind*	NW, NNE, N, NE, NW, NNW, NNE.
Movement of wind in 24 hours*	207

* From midnight to midnight.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS IN RUSSIA.

As is well known to readers of Russian works of travel, Russian railway traffic is worked with such slowness and care that accidents are less frequent than on the busier and quicker lines of Western Europe. During the last few days a report has been issued by the Minister of Railways detailing the accidents that have occurred from 1880 up to the end of last year. In 1880 the total was 434 killed and 675 wounded, which included 23 passengers killed and 68 wounded, 235 railway employés killed and 474 wounded, and "outsiders" 176 killed and 133 wounded; the latter category comprising persons killed or injured in traversing the lines at level crossings, etc. In 1881 the figures were:—24 passengers killed and 102 wounded, 198 employés killed and 459 wounded, and outsiders 158 killed and 157 wounded; the total being 380 killed and 718 wounded. The following year, 1882, occurred the famous landslip on the Moscow-Koursk Railway, when, owing to heavy rains and the smallness of the culvert, a huge embankment collapsed and buried a train which happened to be passing over it at the time. Hence the mortality among passengers was abnormally high, the total being 64 killed and 124 wounded. Among the employés the fatalities were 214 killed and 427 wounded; and among outsiders 170 killed and 166 wounded; the total being 448 killed and 717 wounded. In 1883, 23 passengers were killed and 78 wounded, 218 employés killed and 456 wounded, and 204 outsiders killed and 183 wounded; the total being 439 killed and 717 wounded. Last year the figures were:—25 passengers killed and 85 wounded, 170 employés killed and 387 wounded, and 224 outsiders killed and 182 wounded; the total being 420 killed and 654 wounded. From the above figures it will be seen that the annual average of the accidents on the 14,000 miles of Russian railways is about killed 420 and 700 wounded. Immense pains are taken by the Ministry of Railways to keep the list as low as possible, and in every case a searching investigation is instituted and carelessness or negligence heavily punished.—*Engineering.*

AN ISLAMITIC CONFEDERATION.

PERSIA seems to be in a bad way and asks for help. Whether the Shah has at last found out that he is not quite the powerful factor in the world's politics he fondly imagines himself to be, and that he must finally succumb to Russian aggression, or whether the Minister for Foreign Affairs has been driven into a corner by the representatives of the European Powers, it is difficult to say; but there must have been some strong reason for the publication of a most unusual article in the last number of the *Ittela*, a Persian newspaper published at Teheran under Government direction, of which the following is an abridged translation:—"The events of recent times have turned the attention of all nations upon earth to the Islamitic world, and it will therefore not be out of place if we take a glance at the Mussulman nations and States which, from Morocco in the west to the confines of China in the east, stretch like a chain over a vast part of the earth. Islam is divided into two branches, but the branches are of one tree, the tree of the true faith, the root of which is the Koran.

The people who believe in the Koran, the Mussulmans, number over 200 million souls, and their States are, as regards geographical position, all joined one to the other, not like the States of other religions, which are scattered over different parts of the world. Fighting the "jihad"—war against infidels—is one of the principal institutions of Islam; it is one of the mandates of the Koran, and therefore obligatory on all true believers. The great victories of Islam from the Hegirah to the present times prove that the Mussulmans have always obeyed this mandate, and have always been ready to act in accordance with it; Mussulmans have always willingly entered the battle-field and courted death for the sake of defending their faith; they have always been courageous, brave, warlike, and valiant. Another precept of Islam commends the fraternity and union of the Mussulmans against a common enemy. All Mussulmans should join for the purpose of repelling the common enemy and of clearing the high road of the true faith of the impediments of unbelief and enmity. Many Mussulmans are at present unaware of the exact interpretation of the Divine law; should, however, the law be explained to them, they would implicitly obey it, and then would the power of Islam be the superior Power of the world, and 'the hand of God would be over their hands' (Koran 48, 10), 'superior worth would belong unto God, his Apostle, and the true believer's (Koran, 63), and the unbelievers would be smitten with vileness and afflicted with poverty' (Koran, 3, 108).

If all Mussulman nations were to form a confederation for the sake of defending themselves against attacks from without, they would acquire power and strength, and be able to overcome all other nations, just as they did in former times. Let all dissension which now separates the different Mussulman nations be put aside; let the nations form a defensive alliance; and, should any Power attack any one of the Mussulman nations, let none remain neutral, but let all co-operate in repelling the enemy; let them combine their wealth and property for the support of all—and then no aggressor would have a chance of success. If Prussia had fought singlehanded against France, she would have been defeated, and would never have acquired her present glory. Why was she victorious, and how was it that, from being at best only a second-rate Power, she has become one of the great Powers, and how is it that the fame of her mightiness has pervaded all the world? Simply because she had formed a confederation of all the German States. Mussulman States should follow Prussia's example, and not forget that union gives strength. We wish to see all Islam united in a defensive alliance only; no State should interfere with the internal affairs of any other State, and the confederation should exist only for joint action against an aggressor. Other nations would then not dare to attack, and the Mussulman States would be able to protect their liberty, independence, and nationality, and defend their property and country with glory and fame against all aggressors. Now that Islam is not united, protection and defence are impossible, as every State singly is too weak.

Whoever aids in this cause will make himself a glorious reputation in both worlds, and his name will be mentioned in the history of Islam till the end of the world, and never be effaced from the pages of time. Is such a confederation impossible? No, certainly not. We have now shown the result of dissension and that of union, and unless Islam forms a confederation it will neither be safe from attacks from without nor be able to return to its ancient power and its glory of former days. All intelligent men are advocates of a Mussulman confederation, and are of our opinion. It is the duty of every true believer to exert himself to the utmost to attain this end; any neglect would ensure terrible and fatal consequences."

It appears from this article that Persia asks other Mussulman States to help her; she forgets that the other states are much more involved in difficulties than she is, and the Persian people, as representatives of the Shiah sect, would hardly co-operate with the other sects of Islam. The article is evidently written against Europeans; the allusions to "unbelievers," the "jihad," and the quotations from the Koran, from chapters which treat principally of unbelievers, fully prove this.—*Globe.*

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steam-ship Empire, 1,375 tons Captain Thomas Davies, sailed yesterday for Port Said with a general cargo.

THE steam-ship Adria, 781 tons, Captain G. J. Raffin, sails to-day for Mauritius with a general cargo and 130 deck passengers.

THE steam-ship Bhownuggur, 108 tons, Nacoda, sails to-day for Bhownuggur with a general cargo and 50 deck passengers.

THE steam-ship Peveril, 1,974 tons, Captain A. Burgess, sailed yesterday for Havre via Canal with a general cargo and Dr. Boyd as a passenger.

THE steam-ship Elphinstone, 1,145 tons, Capt. G. Dapson, arrived in harbour on the 10th instant from Newcastle (10th Oct), with a cargo of specie and 270 pilgrims, out of which one died between Aden and Kurrachee and one died between Kurrachee and Bombay. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Ralli Brothers.

THE steam-ship Werneth Hall, 2,690 tons, Capt. T. Collins, arrived in harbour on the 10th instant from Liverpool (12th Nov.), with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mrs. Dowen and 2 children, Mrs. Forbes and 2 children, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Bishop, Lt.-Col. Palmer, Mr. F. H. Ferviney, Lt. Cox, Mr. English, Mr. and Mrs. Bayley, Mr. Fagan, Miss Fagan, Miss Houghton, and Mr. Harbur.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's steam-ship Arabia. 674 tons, Captain W. H. Rothwell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Busrah (28th Nov), with a general cargo, 193 chests opium, 96 horses and the following passengers—Mr. Oodharam, Mr. Futtehally, Mr. Frietas, Shaikh Ally, Mr. Esau Zeher, Haji Daher, Mr. E. Tazel, Apothy Dias, wife and 3 children, Park Sergt Wave, wife and 3 children, 40 European Non-Commissioned rank and file, 2 natives one private follower, Mr. R. E. Moore, R. N. Shaikh Essa Gurtas, Mr. Hussen, Mashad bin Khalifa, and boy, Mr. Hamed Abdulla, Col and Mrs. Malden, Lt. Mills, Mr. A. P. Ralli; Mr. Dashwood, Mr. Deyarham, Mr. B. Deyarham, and 40 deck passengers and 38 syces.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commander.	From.
10	Werneth Hall (s)	Collin	Liverpool, Nov. 12.
	Elphinstone (s)	Dapson	New Castle, Oct. 10.
11	Arabia (s)	Rothwell	Busreh.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commander	Destination.
11	Parramatta (s)	Anderson	London.
	Empire (s)	Davies	Port Said.
	Burmah (s)	Mitchell	Kurrachee.
	East Anglia (s)	MacDowell	Dunkirk.
	Peveril (s)	Burgess	Havre.

The following vessels obtained their port-clearances yesterday:—
Steamer Adria, Raffin, for Mauritius.
„ Bhownuggur, Nacoda, for Bhownuggur.

The following vessel entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Robston, for Mauritius.
„ Elphinstone, for Barcelona.

DAILY IMPORTS.—December 11.

FROM LONDON.

Argosy s—2 cases capsules, Dhunjee Cowasji.
Ganges s—30 cases beer, D Dadabhoy; 321 cases butter, provisions, Treacher and Co; 5 cases soap, Stewart and Co; 75 cases oilmanstores, A Solmon and Co; 7 bales printing paper, Masaheb; 4 cases colours, Farjoolabhoy; 7 cases confectionery, Esmal Abdul Hussein Attaree.
Kangra s—13 cases sherry, Cutler, Palmer and Co.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Clan Buchanan s—20 casks hams, Dossabhoy Merwanji; 14 casks brass wire, Naboobhoy Mahomedally; 25 cases school slates, M Goolam Hussain.

FROM HULL.

Draco s—2 cases varnish, H Pestonji; 25 cases matches, M Oomerbhoy.

FROM ANTWERP.

Sorrent s—2 cases medicine other sorts, Nuthoo Mooljee.
Draco s—250 boxes candles, E Sumsoodeen and Co.
Ganges s—25 cases glassware, M Currimsee; 12 boxes candles, G Jeewanji; 25 boxes candles, E H Allarakhia; 20 cases glassware, S Bhima; 10 cases papers, Volkart Brothers; 11 cases glassware, C Ameer; 10 cases eau-de-cologne, C Macdonald and Co.

FROM GLASGOW.

Clan Buchanan s—17 bales printing papers, Abdulally Abdul Rahim; 111 cases whisky, D Dadabhoy; 60 case whisky, Pestonji Cowasji Shroff.

DAILY EXPORTS.—December 11.

FOR LONDON.

Parramatta s—3 boxes silver coins (Rs 18,800), Cursetjee Bamanjee
Lowada s—1,356 cwts grain, Hunsraj Morarjee; 12 bales hides, Peerbhoy Damjee; 225 cwts coir yarn, Roysay Amerchund; 70 bales hides and skins, Ewart, Latham and Co; 17 bales hides, H Jamali; 137 cwts olibanum, A Hassum

FOR HULL.

Kt of St John s—703 cwts wheat, Lang, Moir and Co.
Draco s—3,999 cwts linseed and 9,995 cwts wheat, Lang, Moir and Co; 4,000 cwts linseed, Killick, Nixon and Co; 2,001 cwts linseed, Remington and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Peveril s—562 cwts rapeseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 2,011 cwts wheat, Louis Drafus and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Nizam s—200 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Nizam s—200 bales cotton, Harvey and Co.

FOR GENOA.

St Donstan s—110 bales cotton, Gaddum, Bythell and Co; 25 cwts linseed, Kika Khooshall.

FOR HUMBERG.

Draco s—5 bales hides, and skins, Peerbhoy Damjee.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Clan Bhucanan s—6,300 cwts gingellyseed, D B Khan and Co; 4,010 cwts wheat, Tyabjee and Co.

FOR BORDEAUX.

Elphinstone—46,000 cwts wheat, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Khiva s—100 bales twist, Jadowjee Doongersey; 25 bales twist, N J Sassoon; 35 bales twist, Munardas Hurruckchund; 67 qales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 81 bales cotton and 3 bales twist, Hajee Adam Esmal and Co; 60 bales twist, the United Merchants' Co.
Ganges s—25 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co; 57½ chests opium, Ebram Noordin and Co; 23 chests opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee; 9 chests opium, T Luckminarayen; 3 chests opium, D Ramcoover; 8 chests opium, Tata and Co; 10 chests opium, S Sewdutray; 25 chests opium, Sassoon J David; 9 chests opium, E D Sassoon and Co; 25 chests opium, C Ebram; 173 chests opium, P and O Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Ganges s—25 bales twist, and 109 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co; 13 chests opium, Jokhiram Kalooram; 12 chests opium, H Hurmukroy; 96 chests opium, Sassoon J David; 3 chests opium, E D Sassoon and Co; 15 chests opium, Tata and Co; 6 chests opium, Esac Ezra and Co; 7 chests opium, Ebrahim Noordin.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Khiva s—75 bales twist, the United Merchants' Co.

FOR KOBE.

Khiva s—65 bales twist, the United Merchants' Co.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 9.

Middleton, Col, Bo Rl Lanc-Regt, on leave, from Poona.

DECEMBER 10.

Jopp, Lieut-Col, 12th Bo Infy, on duty, from Poona.
Palmer, Lieut-Col, Bl SC, on duty.
Goodfellow, Major-Gl, Bo R E, on duty, from Mahableshwar.
Luck, Bd-Gl, Bo Staff, on leave, from Poona.
McSurney, Lieut, Bl 3rd Cavy, H C, on leave, from Bolaram.
Welch, Capt, 20th Rt Bo Infy, on duty, from Nusseerabad.
Smart, Col, Bo R E, on leave, from Poona.
Wardrop, Col, Bo, Judge Ad-Gl on duty, from Poona.

DECEMBER 11.

Hogg, Lieut-Col, Bo, Poona Horse, on leave, from Sirur.
Cox, Lt, Bl, 1st Oxf Lt Infy, on duty, from England.
Willoughby, Col, Bo, SC, on duty, from Mahableshwar.
Phelps, Col, Bo, Comy-Gl, on duty, from Poona.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 10.

Pearson, Capt, 24th Bo Infy, on duty, to Ahmedabad.

DECEMBER 11.

Higginson, Lieut-Col, Mad 1st Punjab Infy, P Frontier Force, on furlough to England.
Hogg, Lieut-Col, Bo, Poona Horse, on leave, to Sirur.
Woodward, Col, Bl, on duty, to England.
Parkin, Lieut, Bo, on duty, to Poona.
Faulkner, Lieut, Bo 25th L I, on duty, to Poona.
Welch, Capt, Bo, 20th Regt Infy, on duty, to Thal Choteale.
Luck, Brd-Gl, Bo, Staff, from leave, to Kurrachee.
Howard, Major, Bl 4th Batln Rifle Bde, on leave, to England.
Harcourt, Col, Bl SC, on leave, to England.

DECEMBER 12.

Boyd, Surg-Major, Bl, 45th Sikhs, on leave, to England.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

By Lieut-Col. the Hon. L. H. Bayley, Comdt., B. V. R. C.

Bombay, December 12.

The Regiment will parade under the Commandant this day, Saturday, the 12th inst. Fall in at the Town Hall at 4-45 p. m. Red uniform with helmets, arms, and accoutrements to be worn. Members who are at the Tram terminus at Colaba, Byculla, Grant-road, Girgaum or Prince's Dock at 4-15 p. m. and those met on their way will have their fares paid. Members defraying their own fares will be refunded the amount, on applying after parade, to the Instructors. It is expected that all members will do their utmost to be present.

The movements sections 24, 32, 33, and 34, Part III. Field Exercise, will be practised.

The Coorla range is available for class-firing every day from this date. Ammunition can be obtained either at Head-quarters or on the range, on application to Sergt-Major Abbott or Sergt Instructor Walch.

Members going to Coorla for class-firing, who are at the Bori-bunder Station at 5-20 a. m. and at Byculla at 5-30 a.m., will have their fares paid, those coming after will have to pay their own fares.

Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers wishing to attend Classes of Instruction for certificate are requested to send their names to Head-quarters.

The range at 200, 300, and 500 yards are reserved for "B" Company, Thorpe Medal competition, on Tuesday next, the 15th inst.

All members are requested to carefully examine their rifles and accoutrements when received from Head-quarters, as no complaints will be received afterwards, and every member will be held personally responsible for all Government and Corps property issued to him.

The following members have been granted leave as stated opposite their names, viz.:—L.-C. C. Avron and Sergt. J. Thomas, 1 month from this date.

Vol. T. Wright is transferred from E Company to C Company from this date.

The carbines for the Mounted Rifles are ready for issue from this date.

By order,
H. HODGKINSON, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R. C.

HIGH COURT—December 12.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE SCOTT.)

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

392-82—Hore, C and B—Bechra Rajing and others vs Ashabai—Jefferson, B and D.—Part heard.
473-81—Payne, G and S—C A Turner vs Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy and others—Jefferson, B and D, L, S, F and N.
401-82—Jefferson, B and D—Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy vs Rahimbhoy Alladinbhoy—Thakordas and D.
464-78—Shamrao P—Hurryshunker Bhaskerji vs Camaji Jeejaji Vanjari—JC Cama.
163-84—Payne, G andS—A Bruel and others vs The Oriental Bank Corporation.
258-84—Tyabji and D—Bai Rahimabai vs Abdula Haji Ibrahim and Co.
256-84—In person—Pursnotum Huridas vs Hemraj Haridas and others—In person.
286-83—Bomonji and H—Runchordas Morarji vs B J de Sa—Tobin and R.
454-83—Little, S, F and N—Jamsetji Bomonji Wadia and another vs the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay and others—Crawford and B.
257-84—Tobin and R—B J de Sa vs Narayen Walji—E
112-83—Thakurdas and D—The Akbar Manufacturing Co and Press Co. vs. Ahmedbhoy Hubibbhoy—Jefferson, B and D.

(Before the Hon. Sir WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.)

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

193-85—Tobin and R—Daniel David and others vs Samuel Elijah and others—P, G and S, T and D, and Thakurdas and D.—Part heard.
90-85—Payne, G and S—The Hon'ble F L Latham vs Daniel Haem Devaker and others—Tobin and R.

Short Cause.

57-85—M M Munshi—Bhima Jeeva vs Willoughby LeGeyt Ed Wilkin. [At 3 o'clock p.m.]

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 11.

The weather reports from up-country to-day have created a somewhat anxious feeling. From the Central Provinces down to the western borders of Khandesh heavy rain has fallen, varying from a quarter to one inch in the twenty-four hours, and from several stations a further fall was anticipated. So far we do not suppose any harm has been done beyond delaying arrivals of Cotton for a few days, but after the experience of last year people are disposed to be easily alarmed. For Wheat and Linseed light showers are wanted about this period of the season, and, if the weather cleared up now, we should say the rainfall reported would have done more good than harm. The N.-E. Monsoon, however, seems to be extending its influence westward of late years, and so long as the present cloudy weather prevails some anxiety will continue to be felt.

From home the commercial telegrams received to-day have been singularly wanting in interest. Bar Silver in London is reported by Reuter 1-16d. per oz. lower at 47½d, which was anticipated by private advices yesterday; but the movement has apparently had no effect on Indian Securities, either sterling or rupee. In the regular London Stock Exchange quotations, indeed, there is no change to notice, although French Rentes in Paris are again ¼ higher at 109½.

The Bank of England return for the week closing on Wednesday shows an increase in the proportion of the Reserve to Liabilities from 45 to 46 per cent.

In the London General Produce markets no alteration is reported.

Cotton in Liverpool yesterday closed quiet, and for Surats dull. A somewhat stronger term might even have been used as regards the latter, no transactions whatever having taken place out of the 8,000 bales sales for the day. In Americans to arrive, however, quotations come 1-64d. to 1-32d. higher; while spot prices are unchanged, showing that the position is not absolutely depressed all round. New York quotations come unchanged, at 9 5-16 cents for ready, 9·65 cents for April delivery. The receipts at the U. S. ports to date are as follows :—

	1885.	1884.	1883.
Thursday's receipts	69,000	47,000	36,000
Six days' „	202,000	220,000	225,000
Total since 1st Sept.	2,863,000	2,993,000	2,899,000

The tone of our local Cotton market to-day has been decidedly steady. The turn in futures in Liverpool, coupled with the rainfall up-country, has rendered sellers less anxious to force business, and at the same time shippers have shown some disposition to cover previous sales, especially of the higher classes of Omra for early shipment. A considerable quantity of good, stapled Berar Cotton has been taken up-ready or for early delivery, at Rs. 182 for Good, Rs. 186 for Fully Good, and Rs. 193 for Fine, while Good Omra for March has been done at Rs. 177. Bhownuggur for April has been bought at the same rates as ready Omras.

WHEAT, if anything, is the turn steadier, the decline in exchange enabling exporters to improve their bids for ready stuff. Forward delivery, however, is dull, with few buyers.

SEEDS show no change worthy of special notice.

FREIGHTS are quiet as regards the extent of business doing, and for forward shipment rather tending easier again. Current rates we quote as follows :—

	Ready.	Forward.
Liverpool	16-3 to 17-6	17-6 to 20
London	15 to 16-3	17-6 to 20
Havre	20 to 20-3	22-6 to 25
Dunkirk	21-3	22-6 to 25
Antwerp	21-3 to 22-6	22-6 to 25
Marseilles	21-3	
Trieste-Venice	30 at 2s.	32-6 at 2s.

EXCHANGE.—The decline in Bar Silver from 47 5-16d. to 47½d. per oz., as advised by Reuter, had already been discounted in yesterday's market movements, but the confirmation which it gives to the feeling of uncertainty regarding the future has lent increased influence to it to-day, and the tendency has accordingly been weak and irregular. Quotations for Bank Bills have been almost nominal, as the Banks have declined to draw forward on almost any terms, while for ready, demands for large amounts have been met by reduced quotations. For private bills, on the other hand, an active inquiry has prevailed, and it is reported that 3 months' sight credits for immediate delivery have been done at 1s. 6⅛d., and there can be no doubt that May delivery has been easily saleable at 1s. 6¾d., a decline of ⅛d. within three days. These movements indicate some slight tendency towards a scare at the moment, and when a feeling of that kind obtains the ascendency, it is impossible to say where it may stop. When calmly considered, however, the position is in no way changed from what might have been anticipated a couple of months ago, and there is no more reason for a heavy drop now than there was then. Every one knew that President Cleveland and the Eastern States were in favour of the suspension of the Bland Act; and the mere fact of its coming to the front in the legislative programme does not affect the probability of its retention or the reverse. It will be quite time enough for the market to take alarm when there is something more definite to go upon. In the meantime any decline of importance practically means speculating on the probability of the repeal or suspension of the Bland Act, which we question if many people really believe in. We give the following as current rates for ready bills this afternoon :—

Bank Bills on demand	1s. 6 1-16d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 6d.	„
Do. 3 months' sight	1s. 6 3-16d.	„
Credits, 3 months' sight	1s. 6 9-32d.	„
Francs, 3 months' sight	1·93 to 1·93½	„

GOVERNMENT PAPER to-day has been steady in tone, but very little business has been transacted. Fours ready we quote at Rs. 97½, and for January delivery at Rs. 97 5-16, the same as yesterday. For Fours-and-a-half Rs. 99¾ is still the quotation.

SHARES exhibit few alterations worthy of note. Press and Mill shares are unaltered as a general rule. Bombay-Burmah Trading are Rs. 50 lower again at Rs. 3,650 for first issue.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LISTS.

BANKS.

—	Shares.	Amt.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Cash. Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs
					721½
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	815
Bank of Bengal	42,000	500	all	10 do.	820x
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	5 do.	587½
EXCHANGE BANKS.		£	£		
Agra Bank	10,000	100	all	6 do.	130
Hong. and Shang. B. Corporation	60,000	$125	all	17½ do.	862
National Bank of India	37,320	250		5 pct.	110

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad S. & W. Company	1,303	1,000	1,000	...	1,375
Albert Edward Cotton Mills Co., Ld.	1,000	500	500	..	435
Anglo-Indian S. & W. Company	80,000	100	100	..	100
Alfred Manf'g. Co.	1,000	500	500	...	320
AllianceCotton & Silk Manufg. Co., Ld.	1,800	1,000	1,000	..	705
Bellary S. & W. Co., Ld.	871	500	all	Rs. 22½	500
Bhownuggur Mills	9,000	100	100	...	9½
Bombay United	900	1,000	1,000	..	915
Berar Mfg. Co., Ld.	2,750	200	200	..	170
Central India S. & W. Company	3,000	500	500	Rs. 30	775
Colaba Land & Mill Co.	4,000	700	700	Rs. 17½	710
Connaught Mills	840	500	500	..	647½
Cooria Mills	1,300	1,000	1,000	..	645
City of Bombay	600	1,000	1,000	...	830
Dhurumsey S & W. Co	3,000	2,000	2,000	...	227½
Dean Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	..	1,000
Empress S. & W. Co.	1,500	500	50	Rs. 25	690
Framji Petit Mfg. Co.	1,250	1,700	1,000	..	660
Golam Baba S. Co.	2,000	500	500	..	390
Gordon Mills	1,032	1,000	1,000		175
Hindustan Mills	1,200	1,000	1,000	..	840
Hi[illegible] Mill Co.	700	500	500	..	695
Hydrabad Spinning Co	700	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	1,060
Impl. Cotton Mills Co.	400	500	500	...	435
Indian Manfg Co. Ld.	668	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	1,072½
James Greaves Mills.	100	500	500	..	560
Jaffer Ali Spin. Co.	1,340	5	5	..	450
Jewraz Bhalloo	1,300	1,000	1,000	...	1,080
Khandeish	750	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	920
Khatao Mackunlee	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	870
Leopold S. Bleaching & Mfg. Co., Ld.	3,500	1	1	Rs. 5	147
Madras United	500	1,000	1,000	160	2600
Mahalukshmi	650	1	1,000	..	615
Manockjee Petit's	4,050	1	1,000	..	1,177½
Mazagon Spinning Co	5,000		2	..	200
Morarjee Gocuidas	1,150	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	1,465
National Spinning	600	1,000	1,000	—	560
Nizam Cotton Cleaning Co. Ld.	1,000	100	5		100
Narayan Cotton Mills	550	1,000	1,000	..	915
New Great Eastern [illegible]	1,500	1,000	1,000	..	9 5
Oriental	5,72[illegible]	625	625	..	570
Parell S. & W. Co. Ld.	2,500	400	400	...	105
People of India S. & W. Company	[illegible]	250	250	..	185
Prince of Wales Spinning Company.	1,850	500	500	..	115
Queen Spinning	800	1,000	1,000		790
Ripon	541	1,000	1,000	..	150
Sassoon S. & W. Co.	1,500	1,000	1,000	35	1,500
Sholapore Mills	678	1,000	1,000	Rs.	1,325
Soonderdas	650	1,000	1,000		670
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Rs. 12½	415
Southern Mahratta S. & W. Co. Ld.	1,212	250	25	...	58[illegible]
Victoria Mills	600	1,000	1,000	...	550
Western India S. & M. Company	1,200	1,000	1,000	...	690

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock Ashdown & Co Ld.	1,000 / 750	200 / 200	200 / 150	10 p.c.	200 / 150
Badham, Pile & Co. Ld.	3,000	10	100	Rs. 18	142
Bapty Co., Ld.	2,025	200	165	Rs. 10	211
Barton & Co., Ld.	1,000	100	100	10 2-3p.c	75
Do. New issue.	500	100	37½	10 2-3p.c	75xd
Bombay Land & Building Co., Ld.	300	500	100		
Bombay Flour Mill Co.	500	500	500	15 p. ct.	670
Bombay Saw Mills	600	1,000	1,000	..	415
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Bombay & Burmah Trading Corporation.	1,000	2,500	1,500	300	3,650
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Bombay Municipal Bonds	..	..	..	6 p.ct.	101
Cash Bazaar	1,500	100	100	..	22
Cooper, Madon & Co., Ld.	3,000	100	100	9½	120
Indian Guarantee Suretyship Association	5,000	100	10	Re. 5	11
Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Mining Co., Limited	42,000	..	5	..	34
Kurrachee Ice Co., Ld.	500	500	300	36	321
Kurrachee Lighterage Company, Ld.	500	500	200	36 p. s	310
Kemp & Co. Ld.	4,000	200	175	Rs. 26½	329
Mechanics Building Co	4,000	50	22	27	
Napier Hotel Co.	300	100	100	9 p.ct.	100
Napier Foundry and M'fg. Co.	1,500	100	100	..	100
Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Company	5,000	200	50	5 & 7½	58 & 65
Oriental Loan Association	5,000	20	20		2
Pearse and Co., Ld.	1,000	100	100	8 p. s.	91
Port Canning Co.	6,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 16	307½
Prince of Wales Fire Insurance	250	8,000	1,000	Rs. 100	1,60
Phillips & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	60	Rs. 18	78
Soundy & Co., Ld.	1,000	10	100	Rs. 8	9
Telephone Co., Ld.	19,200	25	25	Re. 1	13xd
Treacher & Co., Ld.	2,000	500	500	Rs. 110	1,145
Thacker & Co., Ld.	1,500	100	100	Rs. 1[illegible]	175
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G. H. R. HART,

Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor,

Government House, Ganeshkhind, 9th Dec., 1885.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED].

BOMBAY.

BIRTHS.

DEVINE—December 10, at Baroda, the wife of General James Devine, Commanding His Highness the Gaekwar's Regular Troops, of a daughter.

PEARSE—December 10, the wife of Herbert Pearse, of a daughter.

DEATH.

HAMILTON—December 8, at Ahmednuggur, Francis Leonard, infant son of Thos. S. Hamilton, Bombay Civil Service.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BRYAN—December 2, at Fyzabad, the wife of S.H. Bryan of a son.

PEEBLES—December 9, at Madras, the wife of J.H. Peebles, of a son.

SWAINE—December 3, at Ranchee, Chota Nagpore, the wife of Surgeon-Major F. R. Swaine, M.B., Bengal Medical Service, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CAMPBELL—BOYD—December 7, at the London Mission Chapel, Pursewaulkum, by the Rev Walter Joss, W. Howard Campbell, M. A., B. D., London Mission, Cuddapah, son of Thos. Callender Campbell, Esq., Londonderry, to Elizabeth Newin, daughter of David Boyd, Esq., Ballymony, Ireland.

DEATH.

ROBINSON—December in 5, Camp at Bikapur, Fyzabad District, Leonard Henry Howard, only child of Alexander and Isabelle Robinson, aged 17 months.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENT.

'ANTI-HUMBUG.'—The subject was sufficiently dealt with by another correspondent yesterday.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1885.

THE general election is completed. It gives the Liberals, with 333 seats, a majority of eighty-two over the Conservatives, who have 251 seats, but if to these are added the eighty-six seats tenanted by Mr. Parnell and his followers, the Liberals are in a minority of four. A noteworthy incident—though nothing is easier to explain in the light of recent party relations—is the complete wiping out of Liberalism in Ireland. The Conservatives, though they still retain their hold upon eighteen seats in that part of the Kingdom, have lost ground; but the Liberal representation has become extinct. The incident would supply a tempting theme for a supplementary chapter to Mr. Froude's "English in Ireland," and perhaps there is nothing more curious in recent political history than this sudden disappearance of the Liberals from the country in such rapid succession to an enormous expenditure of Liberal energy in legislating for it. In Scotland the Liberals have virtually maintained their accustomed supremacy, the Conservatives having captured only one seat from them there. In Wales also the Conservative conquest has been limited to one seat, but that means nothing less than an augmentation of the party representation in the Principality by fifty per cent.; in other words, Wales returns three Conservatives to the House of Commons instead of two, and the legendary gig will no longer suffice for them. The representation of parties is most nearly balanced in England, but even there the 220 Conservatives are in a minority of twenty-four. The position of the party absolutely is little altered from that which it held in the last Parliament. There are 251 Conservatives where there were formerly 246, and there are 333 Liberals where there were formerly 330. It is a state of parties which admits of no prophecy as to the course that events will take for a week together after Parliament assembles a month to-day. A vote of want of confidence in the Government, proposed as an amendment to the Address, could only be prevented by the disciplined attachment of the Parnellites to a party whom they certainly do not love for that party's own sake. Sir Charles Dilke's repudiation of a desire on the part of the Radicals to turn out the Government, on the other hand, was prompted by no particular desire to help the Conservatives to the enjoyment of a long, happy, and distinguished term of office; and whenever the will to turn out the Government is strong, the means and opportunity will not be far to seek. We cannot well explain Sir Charles Dilke's uncombative mood by reference to the Liberal divisions which are so much talked about, but which are perhaps much less acute than we are asked to believe. At any rate, if they are deep enough to impose restraints upon the party now, what will they be when the uniting influence of Mr. Gladstone has been removed, and they are left face to face with their own misunderstandings?

THE debate in the Municipal Corporation on Thursday on the ways and means of providing for the cost of the Tansa water-works was eminently interesting and eminently useful, notwithstanding that, despite the careful criticism to which they were submitted, the recommendations of the Town Council were adopted in their entirety. And the difference of opinion that was manifested in regard to the financial part of the undertaking did not prevent the Corporation adopting without debate a business-like resolution providing for the early and vigorous prosecution of the work. The Corporation, with an earnestness which will be not the less welcomed for being a little tardy, decided not to await the completion of financial arrangements with the Government before commencing the work. Sanction was given without debate for a sum not exceeding three lakhs to be laid out in the present season, so that no time will be lost. The prudent precipitancy to which the Corporation committed themselves at Dr. Blaney's instigation should be secure against criticism, notwithstanding that the sanction of the Government to the loan has yet to be obtained, and that upon the question of a Government loan, with the substantial advantages that it will give the city, no decision has yet been arrived at. The debate, indeed, was a necessary preliminary to approaching the Government with definite proposals in regard to the loan. The negotiations, as the Municipal Commissioner pointed out, will last several months, and it will be indispensable before entering upon them to define what the assets of the Municipality are. The Corporation must show the Government, before it asked the Government to raise money for it or to guarantee a loan in its behalf, that the resources actually at its disposal are sufficient to meet all the new charges arising out of the undertaking. Upon this point, in truth, there was no difference of opinion. The point at issue was not whether the Municipality can afford the outlay required for the new waterworks, but whether one method of appropriating its resources or another should be resorted to. The scheme of the Town Council and a scheme drawn up by the Hon. Dadabhai Naoroji were put in competition, and neither suffered from the way in which it was expounded. Still we do not think that the public will repudiate the preference which the Corporation showed for the former scheme. It has at least the recommendation of simplicity and directness, as well as of a greater probability of its main provisions being approved by Government. We apprehend, for instance, that Mr. Dadabhai's scheme would not be the more likely to be favoured by the Government for his proposal to levy a town-duty on piece-goods, notwithstanding a resolution of as far back as 1878 from which he infers that they would not be averse to such an impost. The introduction of a piece-goods duty would raise questions the discussion of which might be carried even to England, and though a good case could be made out for the innovation the Government might well prefer not to take upon themselves the responsibility of having to state it. People who welcomed the erasure of piece-goods from the customs tariff eight years ago would possibly refuse to see in the municipal necessities of Bombay a justification for the revival of the duty, even though it were only in name, and its operations were confined within the narrowest possible area.

The scheme put forward by the Town Council has the advantage of simplicity and of making the least interference with existing arrangements. The annual sum required for instalments on the Tansa loan is three lakhs, and the means proposed for providing this consist of an addition of twelve annas to the consolidated municipal rate, which will yield one lakh; the increase of the duty on ghee from six annas to ten annas, which will yield Rs. 80,000; a town-duty of seven annas per cwt. on sugar, instead of a duty of one-and-a-half per cent. *ad valorem*, which will yield Rs. 50,000; a modification of the schedule of town duties, whereby an increase may be made in the grain duty, calculated to yield an extra Rs. 30,000, and a new duty, calculated to yield Rs. 40,000, may be levied on kerosine oil. The item which those who discussed the scheme seemed to regard as most in need of apology was the extra anna per candy upon grain. Yet no one expressly condemned the proposal, and as the Chairman intimated that the increase would only be an anna per head per annum of the whole population of Bombay, it seemed an easy matter to believe that no great harm would be done, even if objections of a theoretical nature were taken to it. The additional duty, one member remarked, would be so insignificant that it would be mere sentimentalism to oppose it. But it was well that Mr. Dadabhai was at hand, well provided from the armoury of economics and high finance with arguments for the discouragement of a resort with too light a heart to the taxation of the food of the people. It is at least well to remember that the weight of the burden upon the consumer is not to be accurately ascertained by a sum in simple division. Grain does not constitute an equally important element in the dietary of all classes, and those who consume most are the classes who would most feel the duty. We are told a good deal in our days about the equality of sacrifice which is a condition essential to equality of taxation, but we must not assume, by an easy sum in simple division, that when three-quarters of a million of people contribute a given sum to the Municipal revenue they all contribute in equal proportions. It is well that every proposal to tax the food of the people should be jealously criticised, and we see no reason why the political economists should have been ruled out of court during the discussion of this part of the scheme. The most effectual way of minimising the objections to such an impost as the grain duty is to argue that there is no hardship in making even the poorest classes of the community pay for their water by paying a little more for their grain. Good water is worth making a sacrifice for, and no service that a municipality could render to a community could it with a better grace ask the community to pay for, even though the method of payment seems scarcely to fit in with "Free Breakfast Table" principles. The end justifies the means, but only such an end would justify such means.

The increase in the ghee tax is capable of not less easy defence. Here the article taxed is one of general, but by no means universal, consumption. The better classes use it, but the poor dispense with it, except on festive occasions, and to no class is it so imperative a necessity that there need be any reluctance to resort to it for the requirements of Municipal finance. The new duty on kerosine oil finds poetic justification in the motto by which Mr. Lowe graced his unfortunate but easily defensible match-tax. "*Ex luce lucellum*," and the "little profit" which the Bombay Municipality propose to derive from a half-anna tax upon a commodity in enormously increasing demand in India will hurt no one. This is the only innovation in the scheme, and it is apparently so easily defensible that no one thought it worth while to subject it to criticism. Nor has the modest augumentation of the sugar duty which forms part of the project invited attack. It has not even been deemed necessary to remind the Corporation, as the British Legislature were once reminded by an eminent statesman, that the sugar upon which they so lightly intended to place a burden was the joy of youth and the solace of old age. The Corporation doubtless took it for granted that even if the augmentation had been much larger they would have been interfering with no one's necessities, and only with the luxuries of people who could afford to pay for them. The most noteworthy and the most satisfactory feature of the scheme is that it indicates the existence of large municipal resources which can be drawn upon for a work of public utility without imposing any serious—we had almost said any perceptible—burden upon the citizens. The annual expenditure of the Municipality will at one stroke be augumented by three lakhs of rupees, and unless we have all miscalculated the weight of the burden it will rest lightly upon the shoulders of the ratepayers. If a large proportion of them have indirectly to pay for a commodity which hitherto they have had virtually for nothing, there will be no ground of grievance in that. A full supply of pure water will be worth more to them than they are ever likely to be asked to pay for it, and perhaps a more adequate sense of the value of the commodity will come with the knowledge that the extra anna on grain and the extra half-anna on oil represents their contribution to the cost of the new water-supply. The commendable attitude of the Corporation in regard to the subject will not escape notice. It is not often that tha assembly has transacted so much important work and, in so short a time, as that which was got through on Thursday; and it may be hoped that the energy which operated to such good effect on this occasion may be available for carrying the undertaking forward without interruption or misunderstanding.

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EVEN to people who have never been to London, the name of Mudie's Circulating Library is not unfamiliar, that institution unique in its magnitude. Even those who have never seen the huge concern at the corner of Oxford and Museum Streets know that here thousands of persons are supplied with thousands upon thousands of books, which they would never have dreamed of buying, even had they the meams so to do. They know, too, that here from morning to night men and women, youths and maidens, much do congregate in search of volumes serious or sentimental, as the case may be. But probably even those who have some conception of the magnitude of this circulating library do not realize how immense the business is, or that the circulating of books is after all only a part of the whole establishment, which is also one of the largest book-binding houses in London.

The business was started by Mr. C. E. Mudie, uncle of the present head of the firm. The idea of circulating libraries was, of course, no new one in England when Mr. Mudie started his establishment. We all remember Sir Anthony Absolute's "I observed your maid coming forth from a circulating library: she had a book in each hand. . . from that moment I guessed how full of duty I should find her mistress;" and his assertion that a circulating library is an evergreen tree of diabolical knowledge. Many such libraries existed probably in the 17th century—certainly in the 18th. Indeed, during this century, there was hardly a town, hardly even a village, that had not its library. But the books supplied were apparently of the novel-class only, and when a sort of reaction arose against the kind of fiction up to then in vogue, the libraries began to decay. Young Mudie, as a boy, a great lover of reading, especially of the graver kind, soon found that at the circulating libraries open in his day he could get no mental food of the kind he desired. He was reduced to buying what he wanted, and for this the means were not always forthcoming, although he bought as much as he could, so that in the course of time he had accumulated quite a goodly collection. Then it suddenly struck him that many other young men must be in the same plight as himself: would it not be possible to make his books available for others also? This led him to found a circulating library upon his own lines, and putting his stock into a small window near Bloomsbury Square, he wrote "Mudie's Select Library" over the shop, and so launched the vast business that still trades under that name. His fundamental idea was that circulating libraries should supply not only the stale and unprofitable novel, but should gather together works suited to all kinds of tastes and shades of opinion. It was somewhere about 1842 that Mr. Mudie started this business. In a few years it so increased that he had to remove to the premises he now occupies; and when one remembers that there are now some four millions of books on these premises, and almost as many in circulation, some idea may be gathered of the success of his notion. Slowly, but surely, he grew to be a power, and the fact that he had taken a certain number of copies of a book, or refused to take a work, came greatly to influence the publishing world. Long experience has taught him to appraise the commercial value of a book, which does not, however, mean that he is infallible, and may not make mistakes like other mortals. Still these mistakes are few, and Mr. Mudie may be regarded as more or less an autocrat, who may make or mar the young author who has not yet achieved a greatness that can afford to smile even at Mr. Mudie. And to rebel against this power is as difficult as rebellion against any autocrat. It is related that one evening in 1850, at an entertainment given by Lady Ashburnham, there was present Mr. Mudie, who already then had achieved for himself a good social position. Carlyle was present, too, and in his rude fashion he went up to the owner of the circulating library, addressing him in his rough Scotch speech with: "So, you're the man that divides the sheep from the goats! Ah!" he went on, giving strong emphasis to his words, "it's an awfu' thing to judge a man. It's a more awfu' thing to judge a book. For a book has a life beyond a life. But it is with books as it is with men. Broad is the road that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat: and narrow is the way that leadeth to life, and few there be that find it." Mudie's answer to the man who, as a rule, loved autocrats, "not wisely, but too well" was simple and dignified, and it is a pity Carlyle did not oftener get such answers to his rude speeches, "In my business I profess to judge books only from a commercial standpoint, though it is ever my object to circulate good books, and not bad ones." And Mr. Mudie was justified in making this speech, for against really bad books he resolutely set his face. Thus, for example, he will not circulate Zola's works, and has tabooed some English writers of the realistic school.

The whole arrangements for carrying on the work of the library are admirable. They are divided into three heads or departments—country, book society, and town. The two former are supplied by rail or carriage, in the latter subscribers exchange personally. Most people living in London at a distance from Mudie's join the book society branch, when their books are exchanged for them once a week by a cart which calls at their doors, they sending a list a few hours beforehand to the library to say what they want. The exchange hall is a handsome dome, lined with books. Here ply the busy assistants who furnish customers; and the rapidity with which they do this is amazing. In a few minutes the desired work is in your hands, speaking eloquently for the order and system that pervade the whole concern. These book clerks are mostly well-informed and well-read in the wares they hand across the counter. Their good humour, too, is great, and severe is often the strain put on it, as when foolish men, and yet more often, we grieve to say, foolish women, come in and ask for "a new book," careless of its name or nature so long as "it is new." Such seem to think that a new book, like new bread, has some peculiar quality all its own.

The principle upon which the books are divided is simple and effective. The novels are kept in the vaults below. Every other book finds a place on the main floor, either in the shelves running round the hall or in neighbouring rooms and passages. A gallery runs round the hall, and when the assistants below require a volume beyond a certain height, they use the whistle which communicates with the assistant above. Trucks carry the books from one place to another, whilst a lift is constantly disgorging its contents from the vaults on to the counter. Beneath the great hall and its adjacent rooms are stored hundreds of thousands of volumes. In one of these vaults are stacked up in a series of bins some 160,000 volumes of novels alone, all lettered and indexed, and each with a place of its own. When a novel is asked for upstairs, the assistant comes down and finds what he wants in a few seconds. Once a book is misplaced, it is as good as lost.

A visitor may learn much at Mudie's. Among other things that Hamlet's statement that "a great man's memory may outlive his life half a year" is not so cynical as it looks at first blush. Thus, we were told that in about two to six months interest in the biographies, autobiographies, and letters of eminent men and women dies out. Gordon has already reached the Hamletian "hobby-horse" state and is "forgot," Cross's "Life of George Eliot" is beginning to pall, and Carlyle's "life" by Froude is no longer "wanted." Some idea of the popularity of various writers may also be ascertained at Mudie's. Of course, there are a few writers for whom there is a constant and steady, if not large, demand. Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, are always to some extent in request. Again, every now and then a writer whose popularity had waned suddenly becomes "the rage," either because he or she has died and the biographical notices have recalled attention to them, or because some new work makes a "hit," and then the older ones are asked for too. Thus Froude's "life" caused an immense run on Carlyle's works, and Meredith's "Diana of the Crossways" revived the interest in "Richard Feverel," "The Egoist," etc., etc.

There are certain writers for whose new books there is sure to be a demand, and Mudie always gets a large supply, at least 600 copies, of anything Miss Braddon, Mrs. Oliphant, Ouida, and a few other well-known novelists write. In other cases a few (comparatively speaking) copies are ordered to begin with, and the supply is then regulated by the demands of subscribers. As a rule, however, it would appear that Mr. Mudie and his agents know tolerably what the taste of the public is, and mistakes are rare. But mistakes are made occasionally. For example, Disraeli's "Endymion" entailed upon Mr. Mudie a heavy loss. Of this novel 2,500 copies were taken, and 22s. 6d. were paid for each copy. A few weeks served to show that the book was likely to fail, and ere long Mr. Mudie was selling—when he could—his 22s. 6d. vols. for 2s. 6d.

For poets there is no great demand, although 1,500 copies of "Enoch Arden" and 1,000 of the "Idylls of the King" were ordered some years since. Now, however, "Tennyson is rarely asked for," and a very few copies of Swinburne and of Browning suffice. For William Morris's works there is a somewhat larger public apparently than for those of his fellow-singers.

Of the magazines, the most read are the "Nineteenth Century," the "Fortnightly" and the American illustrated magazines. Of all these, 250 are taken. As to the biographical, philosophical, and other works, the number of copies taken varies constantly. Here are a few figures that will give some idea of how good a customer Mr. Mudie is to the publishers. Thus, of Macaulay's History some, 2,500 copies were bought, of Livingstone's Travels 3,000, of "Essays and Reviews" 2,000. For each of George Eliot's novels 3,000 copies were subscribed at once, and also 2,000 of the Queen's last book. The latter, however, had a brief run and one of mere curiosity. The work, which has no literary merit whatever, can be now bought for a mere song from Mudie's surplus stock. This surplus stock and the prices charged therein are a capital gauge of an author's public standing, and many a writer studies them carefully.

After about three years the works of writers whose books enjoy only passing popularity, or at least the greater number of copies, are removed from the library. They are then either sold at a much reduced price, or, if no longer worth even that, the covers are removed, the letter-press torn up, and then sold for—waste paper! or when hard wear and tear have dirtied volumes beyond all possibility of being turned to use, they are sold for manure! "To what base uses we may return!" It would seem that novels, despite the vast amount he has to take, and the large numbers asked for, do not pay Mr. Mudie. They are expensive, take up much room, and are soon out of demand having but a short, butterfly existence. He himself says of them, "They are the fuel that drives the engine. They become ashes too soon."

The method of arranging the books for circulation is a very simple and practical one. To begin with, books are arranged according to sizes, of which there are three—Royal oct., post oct., and small oct. Then they are arranged alphabetically by author's name (A—M in the gallery round the counter, N—Z in the basement and other parts of the house), except in the case of biographies, when the name of the person written of is taken. Thus, if the attendant wants "Sartor Resartus" he looks under C—Carlyle, and equally he looks under C if he wants Froude's "Life."

It would seem that the number of books issued and re-issued during the week exceeds a hundred thousand. Each subscriber has a card devoted to him, on which are entered the books he has read. These, when full, are put away into an iron safe, where doubtless no one ever disturbs them. An interesting record they will prove some day of a nation's reading. Subscriptions vary from £1-1 to £500. The latter sum is chiefly paid by public institutions which draw their supplies from Mudie's, but many families pay large subscriptions for themselves and their servants. An idea of the amount of reading that may be had for £200 a year is shown by one public office in London that takes for this some 20,000 volumes. About 1,000 boxes and parcels are sent to country and colonial subscribers every week, for Mudie has subscribers in India, Australia, and the Cape; and the packing and expediting of these is no trifle. Each box is arranged to hold from 10 to 100 books. London itself is divided into 170 districts, and for these there is a regular service of carts. Some of these carts go over as much as forty miles of ground in a day. Three times a day the volumes returned to the library are sorted and re-placed. The clerks are quick to detect dog's-ears and other mischief to the books, and when the latter is considerable Mr. Mudie comes down on the subscriber for damages.

That the business involves a vast amount of correspondence goes without saying. The letters of the slackest months alone, May to October, fill a huge volume. And, besides all the enormous business of the circulating library, there is yet another branch, no less vast. That is the book-binding department. Passing through the glass doors that face the entrance to the counter, you enter a large room full of various kinds of machines—handmachines, hydraulic machines, "folding," "pressing," "rolling," "cutting," "backing" machines, &c., &c.; and yet this is only the first of several such rooms, in all of which some part of the labour connected with the binding or re-binding of books is going on. Then on an upper floor there are long rooms occupied by girls and women of all ages, employed in "stitching" "clearing," "folding," and by men doing the "finishing work" of the more expensively bound volumes. Part of this binding work is for books intended for library use, and these, for the most part, like Falstaff's stout fellows, are put into "buckram," *i.e.*, strong cloth. Other volumes, intended for sale or bound to order, are clothed in every sort of binding known. Even more interesting, as connected more directly with the circulating library, is not only the re-binding, but the general renovation of old books. These are first removed from the tattered and torn covers, and are then taken to pieces and "cleared," *i.e.*, the brilliant remarks scribbled by readers into the margins rubbed out, or dirt removed—for now, as in Sheridan's time, there are apparently many "Lady Slattern's" with "most observing thumbs." They are then cut down at the top and sides, repressed by hand or hydraulic machine, and then passed through all the phases of book-binding till they are ready to take a fresh start in life in the "Library." That the catalogue also is no inconsiderable one goes without saying. It should be added that, besides English books, Mr. Mudie supplies French, German, and Italian literature; but here his stock is not so large, nor the choice so great.

Such briefly is Mr. Mudie's famous library, to make merely the tour of which takes more than two hours.

Whether it is well or ill for literature that one man should thus practically monopolize the whole, or almost the whole, "circulating library" business in the Kingdom, whether it is well or ill for literature that this one man should decide on what shall or what shall not be read by thousands of persons, whether public, author, and publisher lose or gain by "Mudie's" are very open questions. Only one thing is quite certain: thousands of men and women are supplied with books by Mudie, and authors must count with him. Some readers, it is said, devour for their annual guinea works to the value of £200 to £500. Therefore, whether for good or evil, Mr. Mudie is a power in the land.

HELEN ZIMMERN.

DEPARTURE OF GENERAL HARDINGE.

H. E. GENERAL THE HON. A. E. HARDINGE, Commander-in-Chief, Bombay Army, left for England yesterday evening in the P. and O. Company's mail-steamer Parramatta. General Hardinge and His Excellency Lord Reay, accompanied by a large number of officers, walked from the Yacht Club to the landing steps. After shaking hands with those present, the Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency the Governor, General Phayre, the Commander-in-Chief *pro tem.*, and their staff, with Captain Hext, went on board a steam launch, and proceeded to the Parramatta, those on shore lustily cheering the departing Chief. Among those present at the Bunder were General Annesley, General Gillespie, General Goodfellow, Brigadier-General Heathcote, Colonel Phelps, Colonel Beville, Colonel Bayley (B. V. R. C.), Colonel Walcott, Colonel Rivett-Carnac, Colonel Burnett, Colonel Sexton, Colonel Jopp, Colonel Borradaile, Colonel White, Colonel Smart, Colonel Willoughby, Major Walker, Surgeon-General Auchinleck, Deputy Surgeon-General Bruce, Surgeon-Major Waters, Sir Charles Sargent, the Rev. Dr. Mylne, Bishop of Bombay, the Rev. H. N. Midwinter, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Dustoor Hoshung Jamaspjee, Mr. G. W. Roughton, Mr. L. W. Rivett-Carnac, and others.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH OCCUPATION OF BURMAH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MANDALAY (VIA THAYETMYO), DEC. 5.

The city and suburbs have been perfectly quiet during the last two nights.

The Chinese in Mandalay are most anxious to have communications into South-West China opened.

Elephants, ponies, sheep, and cattle, the property of the King, are being given up and brought in to the Palace. The remnant of the force which defended Minhla have entrenched themselves about 25 miles to the north-west. There are said to be about 500 men. A small force from the Minhla garrison has been ordered to attack them.

THE DEPORTATION OF THEEBAW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DEC. 11.

Theebaw, his two queen's, the Queen-Mother, and about twelve attendants left yesterday by the Canning for Madras. The mother and sister of the Nyoungoke and the mother of the Mengoon Prince were released by Colonel Sladen, and will reside provisionally with Mrs. Antram at Mandalay.

THE HORRORS OF THE MIDDLE PASSAGE REVIVED.

Mr. Linde, a *second-class passenger* by the Africa, writes a long letter to the *Rangoon Gazette* complaining bitterly of the treatment meted out to second-class and deck passengers on the Africa. All the cabins being full, he had to proceed second class. There was an absence of cleanliness in the attendance and food, the second class passengers being rationed as if convicts. Six hundred sheep added to the misery of the deck passengers. The sheep got insufficient food and water, and were always bleating plaintively in insufficient space, trampling each other under foot. Lamps were denied at night to *the second-class* passengers, and they were maltreated by the lascars. If they dared to complain a veritable pandemonium prevailed. If the officers were appealed to, they gave the roughest and shortest of answers, seeming not to regard the matter as their business. Mr. Linde asks what is the good of the Plimsoll enactment and the inspection of emigrant and pilgrim ships, when such abominations occur daily in the regular liners. He appeals to Government to enforce cleanliness, decency, and propriety, and for an order restricting the numbers of passengers and defining the accommodation to be provided.

THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 11.

One of the most successful and influential meetings that have been held for some years past took place last evening at the Town Hall, presided over by Sir Rivers Thompson, to determine the constitution of the Bengal branch of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India. Upwards of 400 European and native gentlemen, besides several ladies, were present.

In a graceful speech His Honour gave a short, but comprehensive, history of the inauguration of of the movement in Bengal, for which there was general sympathy expressed throughout the country. Already in its initiatory stage 77 subscribers had been secured, of whom many were native ladies, and the subscriptions had amounted to Rs. 30,000. His Honour then read a letter from the Ranee Surunmayee of Cossimbazar, who, in addition to a gift of one lakh-and-a-half of rupees for the establishment of a hotel for Hindoo ladies studying medicine in the Calcutta Medical College, has promised a sum of Rs. 8,000 for the present undertaking. His Honour moved the first resolution, which was carried unanimously—namely, "that this meeting approves of, and confirms, the action that has been taken towards forming a Bengal branch of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India." The following gentlemen were requested to be vice-patrons :—Sir Richard Garth, the Bishop of Calcutta, the Archbishop and Vicar Apostolic of Western Bengal, the Maharaja of Cooch Behar, the Nawab or Moorshedabad, the Maharajas of Bettiah, Hutwa, and Durbhunga, Sir Jotendro Mohun Tagore, Prince Ferokshah, Nawab Vilayet Ali Khan, etc., and the following ladies to be vice-patronesses :—Lady Garth, the Maharanee of Cooch Behar, the Maharani Surunmayee, Mrs Cunningham, and Miss Johnson.

Other speakers addressed the meeting, among whom were Sir Jotendro Mohun Tagore, who highly eulogised Lady Dufferin's action in connection with the movement, and expressed deep and heartfelt gratitude for the excellent scheme propounded by her.

A general council of finance and reference was also proposed by Mr. Broughton, Administrator-General of Bengal, for the control and direction of the Bengal branch, comprising some of the most influential gentlemen of Calcutta.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

THE END OF THE ELECTIONS.

LONDON, DEC. 11.

The general elections for the whole of Great Britain and Ireland were finished yesterday. The following are the complete returns for England :—244 Liberals and 220 Conservatives have been elected. Wales has returned 27 Liberals and 3 Conservatives, whilst Scotland returns 62 Liberals and 10 Conservatives.

Ireland has returned 18 Conservatives and 86 Parnellites.

EXECUTION OF SERVIAN SOLDIERS.

BELGRADE, DEC. 10.

Forty Serviah soldiers have been shot for self-mutilation in order to escape further military service.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, DEC. 10.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Almora left here for Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo yesterday evening.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 10.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats dull.

The London Cotton Market has been quiet.

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The Manchester Market has been quiet.

4 per cent. Rupee Paper	73¾
4½ " "	75
3 " Consols for account	99¼
3½ " Sterling Loan	99
4½ " French Rentes	109¼
Bar Silver	47¼

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results :—

Reserve of notes and gold and silver coin in the Banking Department combined, £12,200,000, unchanged.

Bills discounted, £19,500,000 ; decrease, £500,000.

Bullion total amount in Banking and Issue Department combined, £20,600,000 ; decrease, £300,000.

The proportion of the reserve to the liabilities is 46 per cent.

Arrival.—Europa.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT, Dec. 10.

10 p.m.	76·7

FRIDAY, Dec. 11.

6 a.m.	74·2
10 a.m.	79·2
2 p.m.	80·2
4 p.m.	78·5

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

(DECEMBER 11.)

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Via* Teheran, perfect. *Via* Turkey, perfect. *Via* Suez, perfect.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—*Via* Teheran, perfect. *Via* Turkey, perfect. *Via* Suez, perfect.
AMERICA.—*Via* Brest, perfect. *Via* Valentia, perfect. *Via* Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.
CHINA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to us from Mandalay, under date the 29th November :—A most curious thing was noticed on the way up by the Hampshire Regiment. They landed at a fort near Ava to attack it, and when they got up to the fort they found all the King's soldiers dressed in exactly the same uniform as themselves.

THE following were the balances held in cash in the Civil Treasuries of India and at credit of Government in the Presidency Banks and their branches on the last day of November, 1883, Rs. 107,885,000 ; 1884, Rs. 91,114,000 ; 1885, Rs. 7,97,62,000.

LADY DUFFERIN, accompanied by Lady Lyall, paid on Tuesday a visit to the Imambarra, which was brilliantly illuminated in honour of the occasion. On Friday week she presented new colours to the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment—a brilliant and interesting ceremony—and on Sunday went over the grounds of the Residency under the guidance of General Wilson.

HIS HIGHNESS THE NIZAM has contributed Rs. 4,000 towards the expense of translating the Mahabharat.

SURGEON-GENERAL W. R. CORNISH, C.I.E., who recently relinquished the appointment of Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, has been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen, in succession to Inspector-General of Hospitals Pearse, M.D., deceased.

THE *Indian Mirror*, in advocating a National Congress for India, ridicules the idea that there is no such thing as an Indian nation. "Railways," it says, "have destroyed the distance which in former times separated us from one another geographically. We should take advantage of the present facilities of communication afforded by the railways, of which we have got a perfect network throughout India, and try to meet at some common centre, and consider the measures necessary to be taken to advance the native cause generally. Such meetings, occasionally or periodically, among the representatives of the educated classes of the native population of India are now urgently needed to enable us to meet the requirements of the times. If the Europeans and Eurasians can unite and act together to gain their own ends, we cannot afford certainly to lag behind them in this respect."

THE officers selected by the German Government, on the invitation of England, to attend the military manœuvres in the North-West of India, next January, are Major von Hagenow, and Captain Freiherr von Hüne. Major von Hagenow, who is a cavalryman, was attached to Lord Wolseley's staff during the Egyptian campaign of 1882, though he only reached headquarters after *the battle of Tel-el-Kebir*, and at present he is serving at Schwerin, on the staff of the 17th Division. Baron von Hüne, on the other hand, who is an Engineer, lately served as Military Attaché to the German Embassy in London, and is now acting as Aide-de-Camp to Count Waldersee, Quartermaster-General of the Army, and successor designate to Marshal Moltke, chief of the Grand General Staff.

THE Indian village at the Albert Palace promises to be more successful than the Japanese village at Kensington. But a correspondent says that the English people are naturally disappointed with the performance given as an illustration of the nautch. "Dancers swathed in linen from toe to eyebrow," he says, "resemble automaton dolls rather than the fascinating figures which are supposed to exist in India. Nor do the snake-charmers equal the expectations of the English public. Few people, however, are disappointed with the display of Indian art, and the thirteen or fourteen occupations which are illustrated at the Albert Palace form an extremely interesting feature of the exhibition."

THE German Missions at Ghazipore and Buxar, which were first established in April, 1885, by the late Father Ziemann, who entered Ghazipore without a pice in his pocket, have certainly done well during the short period of their existence. At the end of the first ten years the congregation consisted of only 113 souls, and at the end of the second ten years they had increased to 543. But this year no fewer than 1,033 converts have been baptised. The converts chiefly come from the cultivating class, but include a variety of castes, such as Brahmins, Ahirs, Koeris, Barhs, Kahars, Chamars, and a few Mahomedans, amongst the latter of whom is included a well-known Moulvi. A Mission is also about to be started amongst the Kohls at Roitargarh, where the catechists have been given the use of an indigo factory, and have been well received by the natives. The missionaries also keep a flourishing Anglo-Vernacular High School, from which three boys passed the Calcutta University Examination in the second division last year, and eight in the Anglo-Vernacular middle-class examination. The Mission seems to have no fixed income, except a contribution from the Government of the North-West Provinces, for the Orphan and the Girls' School ; but a large annual contribution is made from Berlin, and collecting tours are made in the province. The collections, however, are not more than sufficient to meet the annual expenses of the Mission, which closed its accounts last year with a balance of only Rs. 282 in hand.

ACCORDING to the latest published list of tea-gardens or tea-estates in Ceylon, there are at present no fewer than 583 gardens either in bearing or under cultivation. In looking through the list it is curious to notice, from an Indian point of view, the small extent of most of the gardens, for there is only one which comprises 500 acres, and by far the majority are below 100 acres in extent.

NEXT year will probably witness the presence of a team of Australian riflemen in England to shoot for the Kolhapur Cup at Wimbledon. The Victorian Rifle Association has decided to write to the commandants of the different Colonial forces, asking them to place a sum of money on the estimates towards defraying the expenses of the team, before asking for individual contributions. As the Australians have already commenced action in the matter, it is quite time that something was done in this country, if a team from India is to be sent home to compete, for the proposal only broke down last year in consequence of its not being started earlier.

THE Bengal zemindars are now engaged in introducing the new form of rent receipts prescribed by the Bengal Tenancy Act, and it is not difficult to believe the reports which are current that the task is by no means an easy one. It was their custom to specify in the receipts only the amount of money received, without stating for what year it was paid, and this practice was continued in spite of an express provision in the law of 1859. The new Act not only enjoins that the annual rent due and the period for which payment is made should be specified in the receipt, but also, by a happily conceived device, gives to the rule self-acting sanction, by declaring that a receipt not containing the necessary particulars shall be considered an acquittance in full. The change was necessary, as landholders had very generally adopted the practice of enhancing their rent by the simple expedient of re-writing their rent rolls, and, in the absence of any specification of details in the receipts, the falsified accounts were the only evidence as to rates.

THE commercial relations between Belgium and India in 1883-84 showed a remarkable development in comparison with preceding years. The value of the trade, which was Rs. 22,301,618 in 1882-83, rose to Rs. 35,795,889 during last year, being an increase of 60·5 per cent. The import into India of Belgium products, which in 1882-83 amounted only to Rs. 784,339, last year reached a value of Rs. 1,762,578, while the export from India to Belgium rose from Rs. 21,517,279 to Rs. 34,033,309. The principal increases in the imports were in candles, glass and glassware, iron, steel, and linen goods. The exports were larger in cotton, cereals, oleaginous grains, and hemp. An official report says : "The industrial resources and the aptitude of the Belgian people, supporting the free-trade policy of their Government, enable them to produce at a low price a quantity of articles which find a ready sale in India, such as various textiles, fancy goods, railway materials, glass, and paper, while a growing demand for Indian raw materials is springing up in Belgium and Northern Europe."

THERE are rumours in Europe that, in the event of Prince Alexander being deposed, the Czar would be inclined to recommend the Duke of Edinburgh for the vacant throne of Bulgaria.

ONCE more the case of Mrs. Weldon against Sir Henry de Bathe is before the court. It is a claim for £10,000 damages for trespass by the defendant, who, in collusion with the plaintiff's husband, Dr. Winslow, and others, is alleged to have wrongfully entered Mrs. Weldon's house in Tavistock Square with the object of forcibly removing her to an asylum. For this trespass Mrs. Weldon claims the enormous damages abovementioned. She is, of course, conducting her own case in person, and, if one may judge by her past experience, it is not at all improbable that she will succeed in securing a verdict.

THE affair of the Caroline Islands has inspired the Government of Hawaii to propose to the United States, England, France, Holland, Germany, and Spain a joint scheme for the establishment of a permanent status among the Pacific Islands. King Kalakaua's Minister, the Hon. Mr. Carter, has prepared the outlines of a proposal which he has submitted to the Ministers of the countries named, and to Mr. Secretary Bayard, all of whom have approved the principle. Mr. Carter leaves Honolulu immediately, in order to present his proposal to the Governments concerned. Hawaii, as chief among the Pacific Islands, proposes to organise among them local representative governments, whose integrity shall be guaranteed. The contracting Powers would send consuls to protect their respective interests on the spot, and thus their commerce would be preserved, and the free territory would be declared neutral for ever. Actual present possession would be respected ; but the claims of Spain to the islands which have not been colonised would be regarded as invalid.

MEDIÆVALISM is not yet quite extinct in Italy ; and occasionally the fine old stiletto instinct asserts itself. An exquisite little instance has just occurred at Viterbo, near Rome. A Sicilian named Calvagno, and several of his accomplices, were charged with murder. Some of them confessed their guilt ; but a sympathetic jury acquitted all the prisoners. The President of the tribunal naturally protested, *coram publico*, against the verdict, whereupon a mob broke into the court intent upon a little murder on its own account, the object of its attentions being the President and the Public Prosecutor. A convenient back-door enabled both these gentlemen to reach the railway station, where they took the first train going anywhere. All this was only the beginning of a great judicial scandal. The President has accused *the prisoner's counsel—each of whom is a* member of Parliament—of having bribed the jury, and the municipality of Viterbo, which takes a paternal interest in the welfare of the murderers, has retaliated by demanding the President's dismissal. The affair naturally causes great excitement in Italy, the more so that the proceedings against Calvagno and his accomplices have already lasted over nine years. They have engaged the attention of six different juries, and the records of the case fill 120 volumes.

MILITARY TOURNAMENT AT MHOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MHOW, DEC. 8.

THE station has been very gay during the past week. There have been three days' races, of which you have published telegraphic results ; and hardly anything else remains to be said in connection with them. Mr. Benson, the honorary secretary, deserves every credit for bringing them off so successfully. On two of the intervening evenings we had the Military Tournament, of which I enclose the results.

FIRST DAY, DEC. 2.

Running Wide Jump.—Pte. Hayse, 98th Regt. (1st). Pte. Peel, 7th D. G. (2nd).

100 Yards Flat Race.—Capt. Bromwell, 98th (1st). Lce-Sgt. Pownell, 98th (2nd).

Bayonet *vs.* Bayonet.—Asst. Instr. James, 7th D. G. (1st). Sergt. Meadows, 7th D. G. (2nd).

Sword *vs.* Sword.—Pte. Patterson, 7th D. G. (1st). Pte. Rodgers, 7th D. G. (2nd.)

Tent-Pegging.—Bt. Sergt.-Major Bolton, F-2 R. A. (1st). Pte. Rodgers, 7th D. G. (2nd).

Tug of War (Elephant and 50 Natives).—Elephant.

Musical Ride by 7th Dn. Guards.

Gymnastics (Horizontal Bar).—Asst. Instr. James, 7th D. G. (1st). Lce-Corpl. Gould, 98th (2nd).

Sword *vs* Lance.—Sergt. Meadows, (Sword 1st). Pte. Verrinder, (Lance 2nd).

880 Yards Race.—Lce. Sergt. Powell, 98th (1st). Pte. Hemmings, 98th (2nd).

SECOND DAY, DEC. 4.

Wrestling (Natives) 5th N. L. I. (1st).

Lemon-Cutting (Native) 23rd N. L. I. (1st).

Tilting at the Ring.—S. M. Bolton, F-2 (1st). Pte. Ikins, 7th D. G. (2nd).

Cleaving Turk's Head.—T. S. M. Henry, (1st). Cpl. Pullen, 7th D. G. (2nd).

Lemon-Cutting.—S. M. Bolton, F-2 (1st). T. S. M. Henry, 7th D. G. (2nd).

440 Yards Race.—Lc.-Sgt. Powell, 98th Regt. (1st).

Fire-Engine Race.—Cpl. Gremmant Team, 8-1 R. A. (1st).

Taking a gun to pieces.—B-2 R. A.

Artillery Driving.

Cockade Fight.—E. and B. Troops, 7th D. G. (Divided).

Officers' Tent-pegging.—Lieut. Butcher, B-2 R. A. (1st).

Tug of War.—98th Regt. (1st).

On Saturday evening, after the races, there was an amateur performance at the Princess Royal Theatre, which was a great success. The first piece was the farce—"After Dinner."

Mr. Peter Piper .... Mr. Lowe.
Colonel Oliver Cold-yee ..... Mr. Holland.
Blanche .... Mrs. Ditmas.

This was followed by the operetta—"The Blind Beggars."

Mr. Zachariah Morgan .... Captain Cleeve.
Mr. Boffles .... Mr. Holland.

In the former the situations were entirely sustained by Mrs. Ditmas and Mr. Holland, the scene in which Blanche takes leave of her husband being enacted with great force of character, and bringing down the house. Mr. Holland is excellent in all parts. He is a born actor and both in this piece and in the operetta that succeeded it he was most natural in his parts. Captain Cleeve was also very good, and his excellent voice lent additional popularity to his part. Mr. Lowe and the supers had minor parts, which all did justice to.

THE BROACH RIOT.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BROACH, DEC. 10.

LAKHA BHAGAT, the leader of the Talavias, is now immured in the jail here, together with his right-hand man, the Bawa of Bharbhood village. When the police, under the Deputy Collector, Mr. Modi, dispersed the Talavias after shooting down five and wounding five more, the Bhagat, accompanied by the Bawa and two village policemen, (Vartanias, *i.e.*, watan-holders), fled towards the Pavaghar hill to seek an asylum with the head Bhagat who lives there. It was this head Bhagat who some eight years ago induced the Talavias of this district to emigrate in thousands towards Pavaghur, the hill sacred to the goddess Kali, and it was this same head Bhagat who some months ago installed Lakha as his lieutenant for the Broach district. When the police went to inquire about the head Bhagat, Lakha left his place of refuge and concealed himself in the jungles. The police sent to him some Talavias, telling him that a Mahomedan pir for whom they had great reverence wanted to see him. He knew, however, that the pir was no other than a policeman, but nevertheless he thought it wise to surrender, and proceeded with his companion Bawa and the two Vartanias to the place where the police had put up. The Bawa appears to be a man of some intelligence and cunning. There was another Bawa who personated the goddess Sakti, and who is said to have been the guiding spirit of the Talavia Bhagats. This man has not been arrested as yet, and perhaps it will be very difficult to get hold of him, for the police are unable to obtain any information about him, except that he had come to Broach ten or fifteen days before the riot, and that he was a Sadhoo or Bawa. It would be advisable to put under restraint the head Bhagat of Pavaghur, the chief of the sect ; for if there had been any premeditated design this head Bhagat must have been privy to it, as his deputy, Lakha Bhagat, would not take any step without his concurrence. The trial of those who have been arrested will commence in a day or two before the District Deputy Magistrate, Mr. Choonilal Venilal. It does not appear that these wretched people had any serious design against the Government. No doubt the leaders, under the influence of *ganja*, indulged in day dreams, and no doubt they must have been thinking of having their own raj ; but it is believed that they thought their raj would be established by a miracle and by the special intervention of the Deity. They never could have thought of forcibly establishing themselves as rulers of this world. It is said by some that they had already established their raj when Lakha Bhagat sprinkled the blood from one of his fingers on the ground and planted his flag near Wedderburn's tomb in the Fort of Broach some five months ago. He now and then collected his men and marched in procession to the river-ghaut to bathe in the holy Nerbudda. He once went to the jail and asked the jailor, who had come out to see the tamasha, to open the jail gate. On the jailor refusing to open the door, his royal highness felt himself insulted, abused the jailor, and went away. The police thought it strange that the Bhagat should have gone to the jail. They watched him afterwards, but they could not obtain any information which would lead them to suspect that mischief was intended. Poor Mr. Prescott's death is sadly regretted by every one here, but it is quite probable that these mad people got excited owing to some unaccountable impulse at the moment, and cruelly beat to death an unoffending person and good, conscientious officer. It is said (with what truth I cannot vouch) that Lakha Bhagat declares in his confession that it was owing to Mr. Prescott driving through their midst and striking them with his whip that the Bawa who personated Sakti became wild and gave the order to beat him.

These Talavias are a really weak race, and there cannot be any danger from them ; but the people of Broach every year, on the occasion of the Mohurrum, live in great fear of looting and violence on the part of the lower classes of the Mahomedans. Mr. Mackenzie, the Collector, knows very well what happened on the taboot day last year, and we wonder why Government do not keep a company of native infantry here, or increase the armed strength of the police, which is so inefficient for any emergency. Mr. Sheppard, the Commissioner, must be well aware that the police here are weak in numbers, and we trust this officer will exert his great influence with Government, and get some efficient measures adopted to save us from the annually recurring panics.

AHMEDABAD NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, DEC. 8.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Municipal Commission was held on Saturday last to receive approximate financial statements of water-works and sewerage-works for the city of Ahmedabad, from Colonel Walter Ducat, Consulting Sanitary Engineer to Government, who was specially deputed to prepare detailed estimates and to advise the Municipality in connection with these schemes.

Our popular Collector, Mr. G. B. Reid, returned to Ahmedabad from the district, and held several meetings for the purpose of receiving the taluka local boards,' budgets and a general budget of the whole district. He has gone back to his district after finishing the budget work.

Circulars have been out that a Masonic Ball will be held under the auspices of the Right Worshipful Master, officers, and members of Lodge Salem at Ahmedabad, on Tuesday, the 22nd December, in Huttising's garden-house, on the occasion of the installation of a new Master and the presentation of a jewel to Right Worshipful Past Master Khan Saheb Cowasjee Muncherjee Karunjavala. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India and officers of the Grand Lodge are invited to honour the ceremonies with their presence. Besides, a large number of visitors are expected from all parts of Gujerat, Kattywar, and Rajputana.

The cold weather has already commenced.

THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I shall feel extremely obliged by your kindly allowing me, through the medium of your widely circulated paper, to represent to the examiners concerned the serious difficulty experienced by the candidates at Poona in answering the questions of the Marathi paper, which was lithographed, and not printed, as is usually the case. The questions were so illegible and badly written as to baffle the attempts of almost all the candidates at deciphering them : consequently a considerable portion of the limited time allowed for the paper was spent in the work of deciphering the questions. Under these circumstances I beg that the examiners of the Marathi paper will be so kind as to make, when awarding the marks, due allowance for the difficulties the candidates had to contend with, and not permit their minds to be prejudiced against the latter for the offence of those who brought discredit on the Bombay University by surreptitious dealings in the examination papers. A CANDIDATE.

Dec. 10.

THE FALKLAND-ROAD SEWER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Can nothing be done to expedite the work now going on at the old sewer in Falkland-road ? For nearly five years it has poisoned us with its horrible stenches, and blocked one-half the road for sixty or eight yards ; and now we are regaled with additional odours from newly-made openings, while some eight or ten coolies are leisurely engaged removing the earth covering the damaged part of the drain. Only to those who are compelled to pass their time in close proximity to this pestilential and disgusting nuisance is its full danger known ; and now that money has been voted and the work started, the residents in the locality have a right to demand that it shall be pushed on with the utmost possible despatch.—Yours, J. T. PEARSON.

East India Flour Mills, Falkland-road, Dec. 8.

II.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Can it be possible that the people employed (or supposed to be so) on the repairs to the large Falkland-road sewer are actuated by any murderous design against the lives of Her Majesty's lieges, who are compelled by business or necessity to reside in or traverse the neighbourhood ? It would really appear so, from the way in which the work drags along, week after week, with two or three listless coolies in one place, and three or four in another, filling the air with vile odours, and poisoning the constitution of every man, woman, and child in the vicinity. The work is recognised as one of necessity, but its evil effects should be confined within the smallest possible limits of time and area. What is it that stops the way to a vigorous prosecution of the work to completion ? We know that the money has been voted. We know that the Municipal funds are called on to pay for a considerable amount of engineering and sanitary talent, and for what people have before now declaimed against as overgrown subordinate establishments. They do not, however, appear to be large enough for current requirements, as, like the proverbial policeman, the engineers and contractors appear to avoid the posts on which they are most wanted. What has become of our local representative in the Corporation ? Has he no voice to protest ? With the funds available, and in view of the horrible nuisance entailed, the repairs, under able and energetic supervision, ought by this time to have been well-nigh completed. Cannot you, sir, speak an effective word, or at least inform us whom we shall hang ? ONE AFFECTED.

Foras-road.

THE RIOTS AT MALLEGAUM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—"Veritas" has again made his appearance in the columns of your paper of the 2nd inst. He presumably admits almost all the facts mentioned in my last letter, but boldly sticks to his first assertion about the cause of the riot, viz., "the police patel defiled the tajia by poking at it with sticks." I have already informed you that this was far from the real truth, and now, in support of that statement, I beg to invite your correspondent's attention to the Resolution of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 23rd November last. For the sake of ready reference I will quote the sentences bearing on the subject :—"It appears that on the 14th some Mahomedans were carrying a single taboot towards the temple of Balaji, and that a wrangle took place between them and certain Hindoos who were about to celebrate the Dasra festival. The Mahomedans, for no very sufficient reason, seem to have placed their taboot on the ground, and to have gone away ; and the Hindoos then took the taboot back to the place it had been brought from, but without insulting it in any way, unless their touching it at all could be construed into an insult." I may add here that annually the Bhils and other low caste Hindoos assist in lifting and carrying in procession the various tabuts prepared by Mahomedans. The mere touch of the Hindoos cannot therefore be said to defile the tajia. On this occasion, however, the authorities here took down statements from certain Mahomedans, in which the latter admitted that the carrying of the taboots by the Hindoos to its destination was in no way an insult to their religion. Apart from these circumstances, there is one singular fact connected with the incident. The taboot which was taken in procession on the 14th was really prepared in honour of a Hindoo chief of this place. This gentleman is Rajebahadur, who, notwithstanding the late riot, is still honoured as well by the Mahomedans as by the Hindoos. The Mahomedans therefore had very little to do with the tajia procession. It was really a token of the respect shown by the Hindoos to the Mahomedan religion. I find that the real cause of the riot is quite different. It is oozing out by degrees that one or two Mahomedans who had some private grudge against the authorities found in the Mohorrum a suitable opportunity for obtaining revenge. They therefore roused their brethren to fight in the cause of their religion by exaggerating the incident of the 14th. Fortunately for the Hindoo community, their attempts were utterly frustrated by the conduct of the Hindoos. I am sorry that these, the chief instigators of the riot, are still at large. I hope that the authorities will institute minute inquiries which will lead to their being brought to justice.

With regard to the second para. of your correspondent's letter, I have only to say that he has misstated the facts. The Government doctor, to whom he appeals, is a Parsee gentleman, quite a stranger to the place. Few of the Hindus, therefore, attend the dispensary for medical treatment. The inference drawn by "Veritas," in the concluding portion of this para. is not borne out by facts.

Para. 3 of your correspondent's letter can be answered in a few sentences. The Mahomedan population of the town is mostly composed of Momins, who form about three-fourths of that population. They are new settlers, and earn their livelihood by weaving "sarees." Having no houses or other property of their own, it is very easy for them to leave the town, where they have committed such a serious havoc, and where some day or other they might be called upon to answer for their misdeeds. There has, however, been a great deal of exaggeration in stating the number of the Momins who have left the town. It is certainly far less than that mentioned by your correspondent.

The last para. of the letter under reply appears to me rather libellous. Before giving utterance to his opinion that there was an imperative necessity for a European magistrate, "Veritas" ought to have pointed out the disqualifications, if any, found in the Hindoo officer now deputed to inquire into the various riot cases.

The Government Resolution above alluded to supports my assertion about the conduct of the Hindoos very strongly, and the fact that a punitive police post has been sanctioned at the expense of the Mahomedan community of the town is itself a sufficient proof of the latter's guilt. If "Veritas" still doubts any of the facts mentioned by me, he should throw off his garb and appear in his true name, and I shall be too glad to give my own in answer. He has done little credit to the name he has assumed. EYE-WITNESS.

Dec. 9.

THE CENTRAL INDIA PUBLIC WORKS CASE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Adverting to an article from a correspondent of yours, which appeared in your issue of the 3rd inst., headed "The Central India Public Works Case," in which occurs the following remark, with reference to the conduct of the counsel for the defence : "It is very surprising that the counsel—one a barrister, the other a pleader of the High Court—allowed this unsupported dictum to pass unnoticed," I am bound, in common justice, to observe that, in opposing the procedure of the court, Mr. Fuller went as far as he possibly could, consistently with his own safety, considering the spirit in which the judge had approached the case. Had Mr. Fuller's opposition been continued, and had he pressed his objection further, I verily believe it would have ended in serious consequences to himself, perhaps in suspension. In the interests of his client, who was involved in charges of a very serious character, he deemed it best not to put himself in this position. As it was, Mr. Fuller, later in the day, was actually threatened with suspension for no fault whatsoever, but for fearlessly attempting to do his duty, and not only threatened, but positively censured in open court in the presence of a large crowd, for putting questions which he, as the prisoner's legal adviser, held to be most pertinent and relevant, but which the judge pronounced to be "foolish"—a mode of procedure on the part of the bench absolutely uncalled for, extremely offensive and vexatious to the counsel engaged, and utterly opposed to law, for the law lays down, in terms which any tyro may read, that when a question is put which the judge holds to be irrelevant he shall nevertheless record it, and overrule it if he likes ; but nothing justifies the use of harsh language. I may add that during the whole course of my experience, which has been pretty extensive, I have never witnessed a trial where the proceedings, from beginning to end, were rendered so utterly embarrassing by the repeated interruptions, irregularities, and rebuffs to the counsel.

Koer Sein's case having been decided by Mr. Petre, as he styles it, in the "Political Department," or in other words, by a delegate of Sir Lepel Griffin, the Agent to the Governor-General himself, to whom, may I inquire, would an appeal lie ? Surely not to Sir Lepel, for it would virtually amount to appealing against an order of his own ; and the Agent to the Governor-General is the highest appellate authority in Central India, so far as the offenders, not being European British subjects, are concerned. This is certainly a curious and, I may say, a most unenviable predicament for any Asiatic servant of the Crown to be placed in, who has been so unfortunate as to offend against the criminal law. AMICUS CURIÆ.

Dec. 10.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

THE following are excerpts from the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay, held on the 8th inst. :—

THE ENTRANCE TO THE DOCK EXTENSION.

Read Government Resolution No. 509, dated 30th November, communicating, in reply to a reference made by the Trustees on 30th November, copy of a telegram despatched to the Government of India, on the 23rd November, urging an early decision on the subject of widening the entrance to the dock extension, and the removal of the 100-ton crane from the Prince's to the new dock.

Resolution.—To be recorded.

The following were amongst the papers laid on the table :—

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For the week ending 5th Dec., 1885.	For the week ending 5th Dec., 1884.
Vessels piloted into harbour	18	15
" " out of "	19	22
" transported	12	19
" attended to	2	1

STATEMENT OF VESSELS USING PRINCE'S DOCK.

	For the week ending 4th Dec., 1885.	For the week ending 4th Dec., 1884.
Vessels entered	12	6
" left	13	11
" remaining in dock	14	9

THE FAITH OF IRAN.

OF a sum total of less than 100,000 Zoroastrian worshippers, thinly scattered over various parts of the world, about one-half, or 48,397, were shown by the census of 1881 to reside in Bombay. These are said, not without truth, to form the "salt of the community." Their numbers very inadequately represent the influence which they have consistently exerted on the side of civilisation. They are foremost in promoting education ; their charity is unbounded and cosmopolitan ; they have led the way towards female enfranchisement ; they set a bright example of loyalty to the British Crown, and of zeal for all European improvements. The actual prosperity of Bombay is largely due to Parsi enterprise. Until forty years ago the whole trade of the port passed through their hands. They founded banks and companies ; they floated costly undertakings. A Parsi capitalist established, in 1854, the first steam cotton mill in the "Manchester of the East." Parsis were among the first and most successful railway contractors of India ; ship building originated in Bombay with a Parsi of Surat, the founder of the Wadia family ; Bombay-built ships owed their reputation entirely to Parsi constructive ingenuity and skilful workmanship. Above all, the commercial morality of this stirring people has always maintained its high standard. The Parsi millionaires of a generation or two ago, among whom Sir Jamsedji Jijibhoy was foremost, though far from isolated, derived the bulk of their fortunes from trade with China. Of the new opportunities, however, offered by the Treaty of Nankin in 1842, and by the introduction of steam navigation, Jewish firms both at Bombay and Calcutta were quick to take advantage ; and the profits of opium selling now mainly flow into their coffers. Parsi merchants, too, suffered severely through the "share mania" ensuing upon the American Civil War, so that the fortunes amassed and dispersed by them are no longer on the colossal scale of former days. But *pari passu* with the decline in their prosperity has come a widening in their range of effort. Shaking themselves free from a too exclusive devotion to commerce, they seek distinction in the learned professions and in the service of the State ; while agriculture, recommended to them by the strongest religious sanctions, is beginning to attract their capital and energy. And what they do, they do in no grudging spirit, and usually with no partial success. For a thousand years back the Parsis have used Gujerati, the vernacular of Western India, as their mother tongue. English is, besides, taught in all their schools ; but so much as a smattering of Persian belongs only to the erudite few. The mass of the community repeat customary prayers in a tongue become strange by ages of desuetude, and with no conception of their purport. The recovery of the Zend or Avestan language is an achievement of European philology. Some hold on the meaning of the sacred texts had, indeed, been retained through the Pahlavi version of them ; but Zend scholarship had no existence until Eugene Burnouf, in 1833, prepared a scientific foundation for it in his *Commentaire sure le Yaena.*" What we possess of Avestan literature is but as salvage from a wreck. One book out of the traditional twenty-one is extant entire. This is the "*Vendidad*," a code of purification and morals of primary importance. The remainder is made up of liturgical pieces, constantly recited, either by the faithful privately, or by the priests in the course of worship. The "*Avesta*" transmitted to us thus professes to be, as M. Darmesteter remarks, not a bible but a prayer-book. The lead of Europe in the study of these antique documents has been eagerly followed in India. The "*Vendidad*," with some later religious writings, has been translated by learned Parsis into Gujerati ; Avestan scholarship is actively encouraged, the fullest investigation and an enlightened interpretation of texts are countenanced. With the Parsi creed, as expounded by Mr. Dosabhai Framjee, it is probable that Zoroaster himself, could he rise from his sleep of 3,000 years, would find himself in substantial agreement. It is a pure monotheism. The polytheistic excrescences of the "*Avesta*" have lost vitality and dropped off through contact with Judaism, Christianity, and Mahomedanism ; its latent pantheism has remained in comparative abeyance ; its dualism has returned to its original position as a defective philosophy of evil. Of fire-worship in an idolatrous sense the Parsis are altogether innocent. The accusation is a calumny, which can only be repeated through wilful malice or culpable ignorance. Zoroaster adopted the old Aryan fire-cult, making that beneficent element and chief instrument of civilisation not an object, but a centre of worship. The Parsis do likewise. The purified flame burning in their temples is to them a symbol of the Divinity, and an aid to the lifting up of thought. It is, indeed, perhaps unconsciously to themselves, something more. There is a strong savour of antique naturalism in their reverence for the so-called "elements." But this is a survival of primeval ways of thinking, rather than a part of their religion. The distinctive practices of Parsis are, with one striking exception, negative or unobtrusive. They never smoke ; they will not voluntarily extinguish fire ; the use of public baths is abhorrent to them. They esteem it a sin to speak while eating, to touch the ground with bare feet, to pollute fire or water. The wearing of the kusti, or sacred girdle, is the special badge of the Zoroastrian faith. It is a woollen cord woven of seventy-two threads, typical of the seventy-two chapters of the "Yasna," passed three times round the waist to recall the triple moral obligation as to thoughts words, and deeds, and fastened with four knots one in honour of each of the elements. A short form of prayer accompanies its removal and replacement, and the ceremony of investiture with it, performed equally for boys and girls at the age of seven, is held to imply irrevocable consecration to the Zoroastrian profession. Its correspondence with the "sacred thread" of the Brahmans vindicates for it an immemorial antiquity.—*Edinburgh Review.*

THE CLIMATE OF BURMAH.

DR. D. H. CULLIMORE, formerly resident surgeon at Mandalay, has contributed a paper on this subject to the *British Medical Journal*, of which the following are extracts :—"The Hindu-Chinese Peninsula, while subject, in common with India, to the influence of a tropical latitude, of a lofty Himalayan northern boundary, and of the moisture-laden warm south-western winds, differs from that country in the following particulars. Instead of broad plains and extensive plateaux, protected from the watery winds by a sea-coast range of mountains, the whole country is cut up into a series of narrow river-valleys by long ranges of mountains, trending in a southern direction from, and at right angles to, the Himalayas in the north. This immense region, extending from the third degree beyond the Tropic of Cancer to within one degree of the equator, and including, besides British and native Burmah, the kingdom of Siam, Annam, Cambodia, and Tongking, may be said, at all events as regards its interior, to be one of the least known regions of Asia. In the north are pressed together an extraordinary number of separate ridges, between which the rivers Irawady, Salween, Menam, and Mekong run south, in close proximity to each other, and forming, as they approach the coast, low lying alluvial deltas, producing rice in abundance. 'Now here else,' writes Mr. Keane, 'are there to be found so many large rivers, running for immense distances without uniting, and only separated by single ridges. Such is the general character of the land. The present kingdom of Burmah, excluding the low lying delta of the Irawady and Tsitouing rivers, now in the possession of England, is surrounded on the north-west and south-west by British territory, on the south-east by Siam, and on the north-east by the Chinese province of Yunan. A very small portion, however, occupied by the tributary Shans, touches the French possession of Tonquin. It occupies the Irawady and Salween basins, the head-waters of the Tsitouing, and the valleys of the Keindwen and Myt branches of the Irawady.' It contains 190,000 square miles, an extent of territory about equal to Spain, with a population estimated at 4,000,000, or 21 per square mile. Its length is about 500 miles, and its breadth 300. Climatically, as well as politically, it may be divided into three parts : Burmah proper, occupying the valley of the Irawady, and its branches the Kienn and Myt rivers ; from the British border, 18 deg. 50 min., to 24 deg. 30 min. N. at Bhamo, on China border. North Burmah, beyond this point, is occupied by the wild Kakyciens or Sinfee. This part, which is little known, is hemmed in on all sides by mountains, and is so extremely unhealthy that, in my time, a sentence of banishment to Mongoung, a town in this region, in latitude 25 deg. 30 min. N., was looked upon by the Burmese officials as equivalent to death. Besides the above, there is, in addition, the hilly country to the south-east, extending from the twentieth to twenty-fourth parallel north occupied by the tributary Shan States. North Burmah and the Shan States are exceedingly hot and unhealthy in the wet season. During winter the air is keen, necessitating, even as one approaches Bhamo, the use of warm clothing, and rendering pleasant at night the grateful influence of the bivouac-fire. The Shan country, situated, as it is, on western slopes of the mountains, cannot be otherwise, especially in spring and summer, than exceedingly feverish and unhealthy. We will now direct attention more especially to Burmah proper, occupying the valley of the Irawady from Thyart Myo to Bhamo, as it is here that the capital, Mandalay, in latitude 22 deg. and nearly all the towns of importance are situated. It is to this region, also, that the military operations will probably be confined. This being so, it is satisfactory to know that it is the most healthy, as it is the driest part of the country. In speaking of India, we pointed out the effects of the Western Ghats in obstructing rain clouds, and thereby lessening so materially the amount of precipitation on their eastern declivities and the central plateau beyond. Here, in like manner, does the Aracan Yoma range of mountains, and also the Pegu Yoma range, to a considerable extent lessen the rainfall, particularly in the western and central parts of Irawady, basins. As the clouds, however, approach the range forming the eastern watershed of the Irawady, the rainfall must necessarily be great, as, owing to the superior height of this range, the state of affairs is somewhat analogous to that which presents itself in Assam, where, as stated, fifty feet have sometimes been registered. The influence of these mountain ranges, though of no great elevation, in such that were the central portion of Upper Burmah a plateau, instead of a low river-valley, the climate would be excellent ; even as it is, they exercise considerable influence on the rainfall of the district. Thus, while in the sea-coast districts of Tenasserim and Pegu, the precipitation varies from 200 to 120 inches, and the air throughout the year is saturated with moisture owing in part, no doubt, to evaporation from the numerous river-deltas in Mandalay in the interior, and in the same latitude as Calcutta in Bengal, it does not exceed fifty inches—a fact clearly illustrated by the production of rice, and the effect of the atmosphere on books, boots, and clothes. In Lower Burmah rice is grown and exported in large quantities, while about Mandalay the yield is not sufficient to supply the wants of the indigenous population. Neither is our wearing apparel injuriously affected. There are three seasons : the cold, extending from November till February ; the hot, from February till the end of May : and the wet, or rather wet-hot season, till the end of October. In Upper Burmah the cold season is fairly agreeable to Europeans, and becomes more so the higher we proceed up the river. The noon-day sun is powerful still, but the mornings and evenings are cool, bracing, and pleasant. Thus there are great diurnal variations, far greater than in sea-coast districts, and necessitating great precaution to protect the internal viscera, already enfeebled from prolonged exposure to heat, against the changes above referred to. The prevailing diseases among Europeans, contracted in the capital and other well-cleared towns on the river, are dysentery, fluxes, and acute hepatitis. Fevers, so prevalent and virulent in the remote villages and amongst those engaged in the occupations of forestry or mining, rarely originate in the capital ; at least, those which came under my notice occurred in the outlying parts of the country. As regards the prevailing diseases—dysentery, hepatic affections, fluxes, and fevers—although I have no statistics to offer, I may say, as the result of my own experience, from considerable practice amongst the Europeans of all nationalities, as well as the Chinese and river-population of the Irawady-flotilla, that the Anglo-Saxons, or, to speak more correctly, the British and Germans, were more predisposed to hepatic diseases and fluxes than the French or Italians, and the Chinese Eurasians less so than either. Fevers, on the contrary, seemed to attack all with equal impartiality, the only predisposing qualification being that of newness to the feverish district. A word in conclusion with reference to the probable dangers to the expedition now about to ascend the river. If completed before the advent of the hot season, no disease beyond that incidental to all military operations in tropical countries need be apprehended. Should it be extended into the hot season, and particularly if guerilla operations be necessary, many cases of sunstroke may be feared ; while if the wet season sees it still incomplete, dysentery, fevers, and hepatic affections will cause many deaths and much invaliding. Small-pox also, owing to the absence of vaccination and the practice of the vicious system of inoculation, is an exceedingly prevalent disease, and may give rise to much suffering among susceptible Europeans exposed to its contagion."

M. RENAN'S NEW BOOK.

"LE PRETRE DE NEMI," a philosophical play by M. Ernest Renan, has been issued in Paris. This remarkable work, which has been long anticipated with curiosity, is, under its Roman disguise, a drama of contemporary life, and the characters really belong to the present day. There is, indeed, scarcely a page which does not contain matter applicable to the politics of the moment. The Alban factions might be taken for French factions, and more than one resemblance may be traced between Alba's enemy, Rome, and the nation which fifteen years ago vanquished France. The supposed scene is at Albe la Longue, near the Lake of Nemi, and the time is just prior to the foundation of ancient Rome. Strabo relates that there stood on the borders of the Lake of Nemi a Temple of Diana, for which the priest had to be qualified by putting to death his predecessor. M. Renan supposes the appearance of a sage named Antistius, who abolishes this sanguinary rite, and, having succeeded, notwithstanding, in being appointed priest, endeavours to diffuse religious and moral ideas of a more elevated character. What this attempt resulted in is the object of the book to show.

In the first act we learn that ten years before, Alba had been conquered by Rome. The citizens assemble in groups to discuss public affairs. Among them are Voltinus and Titius, who stand for the Moderate men. Voltinus believes for the moment that a war of revenge is impossible, precisely because Alba excels Rome in civilisation. Then there is the aristocratic and patriotic Metius, who represents the Modern French Conservative, and the Socialist Cethegus, who hates the aristocrats more than the enemies of his country. All parties are, however, agreed to reject as dangerous the innovations of Antistius. By suppressing the old rites he offends the faithful, who are attached above all to exterior forms. Metius, who is sceptical, but politic, reproaches Antistius with destroying in religion a means of restraining the people.

In the second act, which takes place at the Temple of Nemi, numerous other personages are introduced. In this act, Antistius thus closes a passage in repudiation of vulgar beliefs :—

"Blind people, who imagine the Divinity to be a judge who may be corrupted and gained over by importunity ! You imagine that the eternal reason is to be influenced by your supplications. But could those supplications be heard, God's first duty would be to punish you, as the first duty of a judge is to expel from his presence the pleader who, by solicitations or bribes, seeks to win him to his side. Be silent, adore the eternal order, and try to conform thy life thereto."

Antistius too soon discovers, from his conversation with various persons who come to sacrifice at the Temple, that his views are unintelligible to the masses. He laments that the ordinary man must have narrow ideas. "The ordinary man requires a god for himself alone. He desires to hold intercourse with the ideal, as if the ideal were a person whom he wishes to ask for this, to thank for that ; and he would fain believe that there is a Supreme

Being specially concerned about him." The second act closes with a conversation between Antistius and his Sybil, Carmenta, which abounds in original thought brilliantly expressed.

In the third act Metius succeeds, by his intrigues, in bringing Alba to war with Rome. His reason for doing so is that nothing but war can save the city from internal dissolution. War, he argues, is the sole means to stifle social questions. As to the objections of the Democracy, Metius replies that the great fault of Democracy is not doing the thing it wishes, that demagogues always really wish for war, no matters how opposed they may be to military organisation, and that, even the middle classes are interested in war as a means of keeping power in their own hands. When requested to elicit from the Sybil oracles favourable to Alba, Antistius, in a scene which is the great feature of the play, refuses. His soul is full of the patriotism of humanity, and all instinct of local conservaton is quenched in him.

The philosophic idea of the drama is completely developed in the first two acts. The last two acts are less important. In the fifth act Antistius is slain. Following the old orthodox custom, his assassin, Casca, becomes the priest of the Temple. There is great popular rejoicing at the re-establishment of traditional customs, and the conquest of Rome is now deemed certain. But Carmenta, the Sybil, avenges Antistius by killing Casca. At the same moment there arrives a messenger announcing that Romulus has killed Remus, and that the foundation of Rome is definitively consecrated by this fratricide.

M. Renan in the preface thus explains the object of his work :—

"My desire is to develop my idea, that is, my belief, in the final triumph of religious and moral progress, notwithstanding the repeated victories of folly and evil. I have attempted to show the good cause gaining ground in spite of all the faults and feebleness of its apostles and its martyrs. I have aimed, in short, to render evident a network of truths, all tending to the iron law which decrees that crime is often rewarded and virtue punished. The result, no doubt, is a sad picture, since the foreground is filled with the selfishness of the great, the folly of the people, the powerlessness of men of intellect, the infamy of the false priesthood, the weakness of the Liberal priesthood, the ready deceptions of patriotism, the illusions of Liberalism, the incurable baseness of bad peoples. I believe, notwithstanding, my work to be wholesome, because, it teaches that we should not be too much moved by whatever of the unstable there may be in the equilibrium of humanity. We see, in spite of everything, that what is good and what is true emerges from the dreadful bog where yelp and wallow in pellmell confusion all the ineptitude, grossnesses, and impurities."

The drama in itself is, however, absolutely negative. The dying Antistius being convinced that he has done more harm than good, his example is hardly of a kind to encourage future Reformers. But M. Renan assures that Antistius will eternally reappear, and ultimately he will find that the sum-total of his defeats will be equivalent to a victory. One day, at a given point of time and of space, what he has aimed at shall be realised. Justice shall reign, if not on this planet at least somewhere in the universe, and the virtuous man will finally prove to have been the man wisely inspired."—*Standard Correspondent.*

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

THE Teheran correspondent of the *Times* writes :—Now that the Afghan boundary question is in a fair way to be temporarily settled, Russia will be free for the next few years to advance a stage her designs on Persia. With your permission I will try to forecast the broad lines of that portion of her policy as regards this unfortunate country which most concerns us Englishmen.

As I said in my letter of May 25 last, Russia covets the Persian province of Khorassan, and will sooner or later annex it unless prevented by some stronger Power than Persia—already she has begun the process. Notwithstanding the protests of His Majesty the Shah, the Russian telegraph line from Askabad to Sarakhs traverses Persian territory for a considerable distance. Along the left bank of the Heri Rud, between Sarakhs and Zulfikar, Russia has established military posts on Persian soil, which she shows no sign of vacating, and this, again, in spite of the Shah's most solemn protests. In a word, the north-eastern corner of Khorassan practically belongs to Russia at this moment, and from this *pied à terre* she will in time claim the whole of the province.

Nobody supposed that the Russian occupation of Merv a few years ago would entail her absorption of territory almost up to the walls of Herat. People consoled themselves by thinking that there yet remained, first, 100 miles of inhospitable deserts; and then, ranges of stupendous mountains which would offer an impassable barrier to Russia's further advances in that direction. From these vain dreams we have had a rude awakening; the inhospitable desert is crossed, the stupendous mountains have dwindled to mole-hills, and Russia is now consolidating herself in a land of milk and honey, within a morning's ride of the gate of India.

In the same way her flagrant seizure of a corner of Khorassan may seem to have little concern for English people, but depend upon it, it will, if permitted, entail ultimately the annexation of the whole province. And what will this signify? A glance at the map will show that :—(1) It will extend Russia's supremacy to the Lake of Seistan and the Helmund river; (2) it will drive a very long wedge between Persia and Afghanistan; (3) it will leave Herat far in the rear; (4) it will bring Russia into direct contact with our bantling at Khelat; and (5) it will leave but a comparatively narrow strip of ground between Russia's advanced post and her goal—the Indian Ocean.

With the fortress of Herat left far behind and the Helmund reached, the flank of our defenses will be completely turned, and what will England do then? She can do as little then as she has been able to do on the Afghan frontier; but now she can do much, if she will only take time by the forelock. She must, in a word, take immediate steps to frustrate now and for ever Russia's designs on Khorassan and Persia generally. Under the most favourable conditions of Persian politics this would be a difficult business, but the difficulty has been immeasurably increased by the late events on the Afghan frontier, which have ended so disastrously for our honour and prestige. Nobody, in these unchivalrous days, cares to side with the conqueror, and these, I am afraid, are the categories in which Persia puts England and Russia at this moment.

Again, the balance of power (if I may so speak) in Persia lends itself peculiarly to Russian intrigues. We have at this moment what may be called a political triangle. At Teheran there is the Shah, who fears Russia and, unfortunately, cannot trust England; at Tabreez, in the west, there is the Heir-Apparent; and at Ispahan, in the centre, there is the Zil-es-Sultan, who is, next to the Shah, the most powerful man in Persia, and who is, rightly or wrongly, credited with designs on the succession. Now, suppose the Shah should refuse to comply with Russia's demands, the Heir-Apparent might, on certain conditions, be more amenable; and should he prove obdurate, then something might be done with the pretender at Ispahan.

In this connection the fact that a Russian has been for a long time residing at Ispahan, the headquarters of the Zil-es-Sultan, is not without significance. True, he is but a naturalist, or student of some sort. So was M. Lessar but a simple railway surveyor. In Russia, as we ought to know by this time, the quasi man of science always leads the way the merchant follows, and then come the Cossacks with filibustering Allikhanoffs and Komaroffs at their head.

There was much talk some time ago of an Anglo-Persian alliance, and, for aught I know, the matter may be still on the *tapis*. If so, then it is high time that our statesmen turned their attention in this direction. Persia would gladly welcome an alliance with England, but that alliance must be thorough, through thick and thin, and not like that concluded by Lord Morier and Ellis in the early years of this century, which wriggled, wriggled, and out of which we afterwards, at the expense of "almost," as Rawlinson says "at such alliance" of our good name." Without some Some people think that even now it is too late to save her. Persia must, sooner or later, succumb, of Russian northern provinces from the closing grip this fact; that we ought to make up our minds to it at once, and confine ourselves to an endeavour to strengthen our relations with the south. But this would be a policy as faint-hearted as unwise, and would, moreover, be a direct invitation to Russia to advance. At the first signs of disintegration ambitious princes and tribal chiefs would set up for themselves, and tear the country to pieces, whence would soon result a state of things which neither England nor Russia could tolerate. Our policy should rather be to make in Persia, as in Afghanistan, a strong, united and independent power—a task which, though beset with difficulties, is not unattainable, and which will repay us for our pains.

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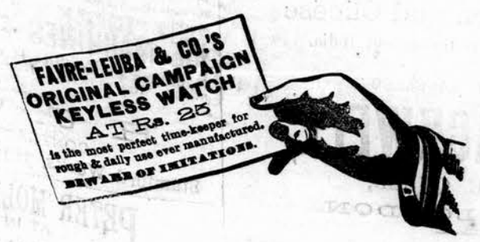
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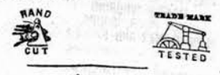
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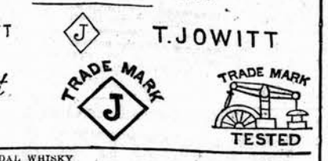
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